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MONARCHY

Queen's children stand in vigil

By Cahal Milmo
CHIEF REPORTER

For a few minutes, the tireless undertaking of constitutional responsibility came to a sombre halt.

After another day criss-crossing his realm – with addresses to the parliaments in London and Edinburgh – the King returned with his siblings to St Giles' Cathedral in the Scottish capital to hold a vigil beside their mother's coffin.

King Charles joined Anne, the Princess Royal, Andrew, Duke of York, and Edward, Earl of Wessex, to take their places at the four sides of the oak casket just before 8pm, flanked by four suited members of the Royal Company of Archers.

The King, wearing the Prince Charles Edward Stuart tartan and white heather from the Balmoral estate in his lapel, had waved at on-lookers outside the ancient cathedral as some cried: "Here he is. Here he is. It's the King."

Inside, standing in silent reflection at his mother's side, he bowed his head and clasped his hands together. Anne and Edward cast their eyes downwards, while Andrew closed his eyes for much of the vigil. After 10 minutes, the royal guards took their leave as members of the public – many bowing towards the new monarch – filed solemnly past them.

The procession of people wanting to pay their respects, which had been temporarily paused before the vigil, began two hours earlier.

Just after 2pm, the Queen's coffin, having lain overnight at the Palace of Holyroodhouse following its journey from Balmoral, was carried along Edinburgh's Royal Mile to the cathedral. The King and his siblings accompanied the casket on foot past crowds which had begun gathering since before dawn.

The silence attending the procession was broken twice, once by a woman who called out "God bless the Queen" and, less decorously, by heckling from a young man apparently directed at the Duke of York before the protester was bundled away.

Amid such sentiment and ritual, there was also a growing drumbeat of the logistics of national grief. In Edinburgh, those waiting to walk past the coffin as it lies in state in St Giles' before being flown to London today were already queueing up to a mile away by lunchtime, amid warnings to expect a wait of many hours.

The vast numbers in Scotland wishing to pay their respects are expected to be dwarfed by those in London. What will inevitably become known as "The Queue" was the subject of predictions yesterday that it could, should people's patience

allow, reach a length of up to five miles from Westminster Hall amid a vast logistical operation.

Yesterday, Downing Street went so far as to suggest that regular London commuters should consider changing their travel plans to ease pressure on stations as the city prepares to host a tide of mourners from tomorrow afternoon until 6.30am on Monday.

From Windsor, the Duke of Sussex also made his voice heard by issuing a warm tribute to his grandmother. In a statement, Harry described the Queen as a "guiding compass", remembered her "infectious smile" and said he was grateful for the "special moments" they shared.

Amid the demands of tradition, grief and the cementing of his nascent reign, the King had time for at least one pensive smile yesterday.

On a day of ceremonial solemnity, the twinkle in the royal eye was caused by a gentle reminder of just who is in charge in the relationship between monarch and state.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the Speaker of the House of Commons, used the King's presence in Westminster Hall to remind him of a visit by the Queen to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution – the moment that established the primacy of Parliament over the Crown. As Sir Lindsay put it: "It is perhaps very British to celebrate revolutions by presenting an address to Her Majesty."

It was a small moment of levity amid one of the cornerstone tasks of the nation's farewell to its longest-serving monarch, that of renewing the relationship and the bonds between her successor and the institutions that will now rule in his name.

The King, who attended Westminster Hall to receive a "humble address" expressing loyalty to the new sovereign and gratitude for the Queen, spoke of his sense of feeling "the weight of history" in the 900-year-old building which witnessed the trial of Charles I.

The new monarch pledged to follow his mother in upholding "the precious principles of constitutional governance" of the UK and then borrowed once more from Shakespeare to pay tribute to his mother as a "pattern to all princes living".

The line from *Henry VIII*, in which Archbishop Thomas Cranmer greets the infant Elizabeth I, harked back to a different type of royal power. In his speech, Cranmer goes on to predict that this previous Elizabeth shall be "loved and fear'd", adding: "Her own shall bless her/ Her foes shake like a field of broken corn".

Later, addressing members of the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood for the first time as monarch, the King quoted Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns, as he praised his mother's life of "incomparable service".

Today, the King will arrive in Northern Ireland to receive another motion of condolence at Hillsborough Castle and attend a service at St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast. On Friday, he will visit at the Welsh Parliament and Llandaff Cathedral.



SCOTLAND

Mourners ready to wait through the night to say goodbye, and thank you

George Higgins had already been awake for almost 24 hours by the time he joined the queue to see the Queen's coffin, but a little sleep deprivation is not going to stop him from seeing the monarch and paying his respects one final time.

The British Army veteran, who now works as a security guard, came straight from his night shift at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Thousands queue to see the Queen lie in state at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh. **Chris Green** reports



and at 7am yesterday was at the front of the line of mourners, waiting to see her coffin in St Giles' Cathedral.

After paying personal tribute to the Queen, he was due to begin

another night shift at Edinburgh University last night, meaning he will not be able to get into bed until this morning, around 48 hours after he last slept.

"The thing is, I don't care – I had



The House of Commons Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, addresses the King

by her side, as public file past



King Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward hold a 10-minute vigil over their mother's coffin at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh (left); the Queen's children walk behind the hearse (above and below) in Edinburgh. Sophie, Countess of Wessex (bottom left) at the procession, and the Queen Consort (bottom right) at the cathedral REUTERS; GETTY; PA



to be here," Mr Higgins explains. "I'm a veteran, and the Queen was my ex-boss. As a soldier you take an oath to Her Majesty and her successors, her heirs, and that never leaves you."

"I could do with going to my bed, to be honest with you, but at the end of the day the Queen gave us 70 years of great service."

"She was a wonderful woman and the least I can give her is seven hours, 10 hours of my life."

Mr Higgins, who served in the infantry for 12 years and paraded in front of the Queen at Holyrood Park in his home city of Edinburgh in 1983, says the news of her death hit him like a "bolt of thunder".

The densely packed crowd at the foot of the Royal Mile fell silent as

they watched King Charles and the Queen's three other children – the Princess Royal, the Duke of York, and the Earl of Wessex – pacing slowly behind the coffin.

Initially the only sound that could be heard was the footsteps of the Bearer Party, made up of members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland and the King's Body Guard for Scotland, keeping perfect time as they ascended towards St Giles'.

Later, applause broke out as the coffin drove past, with shouts of "God save the King" and "God bless the Queen" being heard.

Back in the queue, Garry and Davina Evans, a married couple from East Kilbride, say they left home at 2am in order to be one of the first in line to see the Queen's

coffin. The couple celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on Friday and had booked a weekend away, but when the Queen died they cancelled their plans and drove up to Balmoral to pay their respects instead.

"In my lifetime there will never be another Queen, for the next three generations it's going to be kings," Mrs Evans says. "If I have to wait until tomorrow morning, then I will. It will be an absolute honour."

Her husband adds: "I just had to be here. You're never going to get this chance again."

Some in the queue travelled through the night to be sure of catching a glimpse of the monarch's coffin, including Karen Whitehouse who drove 130 miles from the village

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of Loweswater in Cumbria. The keen royalist has already made friends with Mr and Mrs Evans and says the atmosphere in the queue is "quite special" as people come together to celebrate the Queen's life.

"I just think she's a very special lady who has done masses for the country, and it's a privilege to be here. I'm ready for the wait, but my reaction [to seeing the coffin]? I've no idea. It will be quite tearful," she adds.

Letter from the
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King has won real affection from public with devotion to duty

This evening, just as the sun is setting over London, the Queen's coffin will arrive "home" at Buckingham Palace, where it will be met by the King and Queen Consort.

It will be one of the most poignant moments of the week for King Charles III, who is having to balance the ceremonial duties of the sovereign with the sorrow of a grieving son.

The King and Queen Consort will be travelling hundreds of miles over the next few days, to all corners of the United Kingdom, for meetings with political and religious leaders, and to be seen there by the people of the four nations.

Amid all of that, Queen Elizabeth II's homecoming will be a moment in his busy schedule for the King to pause, in silence, and be alone with his mother for the first time since her death last Thursday.

The arrangements for the King's first few days on the throne will have been laid out by the late monarch over the years, in discussion with her son and heir.

We cannot know every reason for her plans, but this royal tour of the UK seems to be a very deliberate attempt by the late Queen to hold the Union together after she had died.

There is no question that the country, largely, will be wishing the new King well at a time of immense sorrow for him and his family.

From his first hours as King, it is clear there is very real affection for Charles – underlined by his walkabouts outside Buckingham Palace, and the thousands of messages for him left by well-wishers in floral tributes and in books of condolence.

But he must also know that, in following on from his mother, who was adored by millions in this country and around the world, he has some catching up to do.

Does it matter if his popularity never matches that of the late Queen? Probably not. But this week shows the efforts the King is making to keep the public with him.

WESTMINSTER

'I feel the weight of history,' Charles tells Parliament

By Molly Blackall

King Charles pledged to "faithfully follow" his mother's example of "selfless duty", as he addressed MPs and peers during his first visit to Parliament as monarch.

The King and Queen Consort, Camilla, listened to condolences from both Houses of Parliament, before Charles delivered a speech to the 1,200 politicians assembled in Westminster Hall.

Charles said he was "deeply grateful" for the messages and "could not help but feel the weight of history" while speaking in the oldest part of the Palace of Westminster.

The new King borrowed from Britain's most famous playwright, saying: "As Shakespeare says of the earlier Queen Elizabeth, she was 'a pattern to all princes living'."

"Parliament is the living and breathing instrument of our democracy. That your traditions are



King Charles meets Nicola Sturgeon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

ancient we see in the construction of this great hall and the reminders of medieval predecessors of the office to which I have been called," he said.

He also noted the wealth of "tangible connections to my darling late mother" surrounding him, "from the fountain in New Palace Yard which commemorates the late Queen's Silver Jubilee to the sundial in Old Palace Yard for the Golden Jubilee, the

magnificent stained glass window before me for the Diamond Jubilee and, so poignantly and yet to be formally unveiled, your most generous gift to her late majesty to mark the unprecedented Platinum Jubilee which we celebrated only three months ago, with such joyful hearts."

He concluded: "We gather today in remembrance of the remarkable span of the Queen's dedicated service to her nations and peoples. While very young, her late majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the heart of our nation. This vow she kept with unsurpassed devotion."

"She set an example of selfless duty which, with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow."

In a rare meeting of the two Houses of Parliament, senior MPs sat on one side of the throne, including Prime Minister Liz Truss and leader of the opposition, Sir Keir Starmer, while senior peers sat at another.

Shortly before the King's arrival, the Honourable Corps of the Gentleman at Arms marched down the centre of the hall towards two empty thrones.

The congregation stood as processions of parliamentary officials, including the speakers of both the House of Commons and House of Lords, marched along the aisles.

The King's arrival was accompanied by music from the state trumpeters, after he travelled with the Queen Consort from Clarence House. Outside, the couple waved at assembled crowds.

Wearing black morning dress, and walking beside Camilla, who wore a black dress and pearl necklace, the King walked slowly up the aisle and took his place on one of the two red thrones at the head of the hall.

As the King and Queen Consort sat inside the hall, the speaker of the House of Lords – Lord McFall of Alcluith – paid tribute to the monarch and expressed "deep sympathy" for the Queen's loss. He delivered a personal address before making another on behalf of the House.

"Even as we mourn the loss of our dear Queen, we and future generation will draw strength from her shining example," he said. He also expressed the House's "loyalty" to the new King.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, said the Queen's death was a "loss to all of us", but that "we know most of all it is a loss to you, Your Majesty, and the Royal Family," adding that most touching images published in newspapers following her death were the intimate family photographs.



Above, King Charles arrives at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, yesterday; and with the Queen Consort at Westminster Hall in the morning



WALES

Prince William 'wants modern role'

By Conrad Smith

Prince William wants to take on his new role "in the way that will be right for him and Wales in the 21st century", the First Minister, Mark Drakeford, has said.

After a "very warm" conversation with the Prince of Wales following his appointment, Mr Drakeford said that it was time for William to "get to know Wales better".

Mr Drakeford said he was not given advance notice of William's appointment on Friday.

He said the prince was in a "reflective mood" during their telephone call on Sunday, telling BBC Radio Wales: "He wanted to look forward, talk about the time he needs to take on the responsibilities, and fashion the job in the way that will be right for him and Wales in the 21st century."

The King and Queen Consort are to visit Llandaff Cathedral, the Senedd and Cardiff Castle on their first trip to Wales following the death of the Queen.

Charles and Camilla will travel to the Welsh capital on Friday.

Comment

The activist prince must become less of a meddler

The 26 hand-carved oak angels that gaze down from the ceiling of Westminster Hall have witnessed a history book's timeline in the past 600 years: the coronation banquets of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, the trials of Charles I and the Gunpowder plotters, addresses by presidents, a pope and Nelson Mandela.

This week, Westminster Hall will become heavy with history once again. Tomorrow, Queen Elizabeth II will become the fourth monarch to lie in state beneath its hammerbeam roof.

It is no wonder that the King, addressing both houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall yesterday, said: "I cannot help but feel the weight of history which surrounds us."

The King, with his wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, sitting on a throne behind him, spoke at a gilded lectern in roughly the same spot where Anne Boleyn dined at her 80-course coronation banquet in 1533.

The assembled ministers, MPs, peers, journalists and parliamentary staff sat in hushed silence to hear the King address

them for the first time since he acceded to the throne. Static crackled on one of the speakers towards the back of the hall.

If the King feels burdened by history, it is the future that many of those gathered wanted to hear about. Does the former political prince, author of those "black spider memos" to prime ministers and ministers, plan to be an activist king?

He has previously said that he cannot meddle in politics – telling an interviewer four years ago: "I'm not that stupid."

On Friday, Charles acknowledged that there were interests he could no longer pursue. And so in the heart of Britain's democracy, the King praised the "vital parliamentary traditions to which members of both houses dedicate yourselves with such personal commitment, for the betterment of us all".

He added: "Parliament is the living and breathing instrument of our democracy."

It was a vow, of sorts, that he knows that Parliament is sovereign. Not that it could be any other way, in that building, under those angels.

Jane Merrick



Analysis

Mutual show of respect in a delicate constitutional arena

Chris Green
SCOTLAND EDITOR



King Charles III's address to the Scottish Parliament last night was arguably one of the most important moments of his short reign since succeeding the Queen.

The Palace of Holyroodhouse, the monarch's official residence in Scotland, is only a few steps across the road from the Parliament building at the foot of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, but the political distance between the two has rarely seemed so great.

For a start, the Scottish Greens have never been so powerful as they are at the moment, having made a power-sharing agreement with the SNP following last year's Holyrood election.

The Greens are in favour of abolishing the monarchy and of Scotland becoming independent from the rest of the UK.

The SNP's policy is to retain the monarchy after independence,

but senior figures in the party are in favour of putting this to the people in a referendum further down the line to decide the issue once and for all.

Holyrood's presiding officer Alison Johnstone, who welcomed the King and the Queen Consort to the Parliament yesterday, is politically neutral while she carries out her duties but is a former co-leader of the Greens and was elected as a Green MSP in both 2011 and 2021.

Opinion polling taken at around the time of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee earlier this year also showed that Scots were more sceptical about the permanence of the monarchy than the UK's citizens overall.

It was against this background – and Nicola Sturgeon's plan to hold a second Scottish independence vote in a little over a year's time – that King Charles addressed MSPs and the nation last night, almost a quarter of a century to the day that Scots voted for devolution at the referendum in 1997.

His reply to the party leaders'

speeches of condolence was short, but its key theme was one of mutual respect: he appealed to Scots to help him follow his mother's example and stressed that he would put his trust in their "good counsel" to take the country forward "together".

The outpouring of grief at the Queen's death has been just as intense in Scotland as it has been south of the border, particularly given that she passed away on her Balmoral estate, the place she was said to love the most.

The scale of many people's admiration for the monarch has surprised some sceptical republicans, in perhaps a similar way that the No vote to independence in 2014 left some of those who supported it taken aback at their nation's pro-Union sentiment.

Over the coming months and years, it will be the King's task to be seen as a monarch who understands Scotland and acknowledges that he is there to serve its people in the same way as his mother. His words yesterday were a promising start.

HOLYROOD

King's message to Scotland: he wants to work 'together'

By Chris Green

The Queen regarded Scotland as "a haven and a home", the King said as he addressed the Scottish Parliament for the first time since succeeding her to the throne.

Speaking in response to a motion of condolence at Holyrood, which was reconvened specially for the purpose, King Charles paid tribute to his mother by quoting Robert Burns.

Paraphrasing the poet's work "Epitaph on my own Friend", he said the Queen had been "a friend of man, a friend of truth, a friend of age and a guide of youth".

Before hearing speeches by the leaders of Scotland's five main parties, the King and Queen Consort processed into the Holyrood chamber preceded by guards from the Royal Company of Archers and a mace given to the Parliament in 1999 by the Queen.

The public gallery was packed with guests, including former first ministers Alex Salmond and Lord McConnell, and senior figures from the judiciary and clergy.

The King said: "Through all the years of her reign the Queen, like so many generations of our family before her, found in the hills of this land and in the hearts of its people a haven and a home.

"While still very young, the Queen



King Charles addresses the Scottish Parliament yesterday, with its presiding officer, Alison Johnstone, and Camilla, the Queen Consort, sitting nearby
AFP/GETTY

NORTHERN IRELAND

Reactions to death reflect divisions

By Conor Humphries
and Amanda Ferguson

Loyalists laid flowers by a mural of a young Queen Elizabeth in a fiercely British corner of west Belfast, looking back at what they saw as a glorious past, and forward to what they feared was an uncertain future.

A few hundred metres away, across steel and concrete "peace walls", many Irish nationalists reacted to the death of a woman they once saw as a symbol of British oppression with indifference or, at

most, polite sympathy. Opinions of the Queen have always been as divided as the territory.

Loyalists remain among the Royal Family's most devoted subjects.

"It's part of our culture here... monarchy is a big, big thing. And the Queen is the monarchy, as far as we're concerned," said Bill Martin, 75, who drove 30 miles to take pictures of the royal shrine.

"She was a real stalwart for the United Kingdom," he added.

"I don't think Charles is anywhere near that."

pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the principles of constitutional government. As we now mark with gratitude a promise most faithfully fulfilled, I am determined with God's help and with yours to follow that inspiring example.

"I take up my new duties with thankfulness for all that Scotland has given me, with resolve to seek always the welfare of our country and its people, and with wholehearted trust in your goodwill and good counsel as we take forward that task together."

Earlier, Nicola Sturgeon described the Queen as the "anchor of our nation", adding that Scotland "stands

ready" to help the King build on her legacy in the years to come.

In a lighter moment, the First Minister also recalled how during a trip to Balmoral, she had seen one of the Queen's corgis nearly being electrocuted after chewing through a lamp wire.

She said her husband, Peter Murrell, had stopped the dog, a puppy named Sandy, from coming to harm after the light began flickering as they sat in the drawing room with the Queen.

"Thankfully, tragedy was averted and Sandy emerged unscathed, though not before a ticking-off from his mistress," she added, to laughter from the King.

Children pay tribute



Baby bloomers

A young girl places flowers among the sea of tributes outside the gates of Windsor Castle, the monarch's residence in Berkshire DANIEL LEAL/AFP/GETTY



Pick of the bunch

A tartan-clad girl lays flowers in remembrance of the late Queen outside the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, where King Charles III accompanied his mother's coffin in a procession through the heart of the Scottish capital PETER SUMMERS/AP

Life drawing

Six-year-old Ella (left) proudly holds her Paddington-themed picture as she waits in the crowd on Edinburgh's Royal Mile LESLEY MARTIN/GETTY





Bear necessities

A girl holds her Paddington Bear and Corgi toys while waiting to see the Queen's coffin being taken to St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh JON SUPER/GETTY



Pause for thought

A little girl appears deep in thought as she studies the messages and cards laid by the public in Green Park KATE GREEN/ANADOLU AGENCY/GETTY



Garden grows

A mother shows her daughters, respectfully dressed in black, the floral tributes to the Queen in Green Park, London (left), which is now the principle location for laying flowers near Buckingham Palace. Any flowers left in the proximity of the palace are being sensitively moved at the end of each day to the Green Park Floral Tribute Garden. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY

Art lesson

Violet Williams, three, watches artist Julian Beever working on a chalk portrait of the Queen on a pavement near Trafalgar Square CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY



PEOPLE

Prince Harry's tender tribute to 'Granny' and 'Commander-in-Chief'

By Emily Ferguson
POLITICAL REPORTER

The Duke of Sussex gave an emotional tribute to his grandmother, affectionately referring to her as both his "granny" and "Commander-in-Chief".

In a statement, Prince Harry wrote that he was grateful for the times they had shared and was happy that she would finally be reunited with "grandpa", the late Duke of Edinburgh.

Writing on the Archewell website, which he shares with Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, he praised the Queen's "unwavering grace and dignity". He also pledged to "now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III" – in a further sign that what have been said to be icy relations between them are thawing.



In 2016, the Queen had a starring role in Prince Harry's promotional film for the Invictus Games AP

On Friday, in his first speech as monarch, the King was understood to have offered an olive branch to the Duke and Duchess when he said: "I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas."

The King was thought to be indicating that he wanted to repair rela-

tions with the couple, who have had a strained relationship with the Royal Family following their outspoken interviews since they stepped down as frontline royals in 2020.

The Duke wrote: "In celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty The Queen – and in mourning her loss – we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty. She was globally admired and respected."

"Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life and now her everlasting legacy. Let us echo the words she spoke after the passing of her husband, Prince Philip, words which can bring comfort to all of us now, 'Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings.'"

"Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings – from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren."

"I cherish these times shared with you, and the many other special moments in between. You are already sorely missed, not just by us, but by the world over."

"And as it comes to first meetings, we now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III."

"Thank you for your commitment to service. Thank you for your sound advice. Thank you for your infectious smile. We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace."

The Duke always enjoyed a close relationship with the Queen. In 2021, he told NBC that his favourite thing about her was her "sense of humour and ability to see humour in so many different things", adding: "We have a really special relationship. We talk about things she can't talk about with anyone else."

Their close relationship came to the fore after Harry launched the Invictus Games in 2014.

He persuaded the Queen to star in a promotional clip in 2016, which also featured the then US President, Barack Obama, and the First Lady, Michelle Obama.



Analysis

Sussexes put their business on hold – but explosive book awaits

Emily Ferguson



Shortly after the news of the Queen's death on Thursday, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's website went dark. All links referencing their production deals with Netflix and Spotify were gone, as well as any mention of the couple's philanthropic efforts and endeavours.

Instead the website, Archewell, featured a tribute to the Queen – and now shows a personal statement from Prince Harry, reflecting on his "Granny".

In the days that followed, the couple have stepped out with the Prince and Princess of Wales in a striking show of unity. The heir to the throne is understood to have driven the decision because he would have felt uncomfortable participating in the walkabout without his younger brother by his side.

Harry then returned the favour on Monday by pledging to "honour my father in his new role as King Charles III".

The Sussexes now appear to have put all broadcasting deals on hold and have pulled out of public

appearances, at least during the period of mourning decreed by King Charles for the royals, set to last seven days after the Queen's funeral.

The release of new episodes of Meghan's podcast *Archetypes* has also been paused.

But the big question remains over when the Duke's memoir will be published. It is currently expected to be released just before Christmas, with publishers Penguin Random House pitching the book as the definitive account of his "experiences, adventures, losses and life lessons".

Harry has several options available to him: pull the book entirely, publish it as planned, add an additional chapter in honour of the late Queen, or delay the publication date.

He is unlikely to pull out of the reported \$20m (£17m) book deal, but he could soften the blow by offering the King pre-publication proofs and discussing the release date with the Palace in advance.

Only time will tell just how determined Harry is to repair his relationship with his family, as his memoir has the potential to drive an even deeper wedge between the brothers.

PEOPLE

Superfans from around the globe head to Palace

By Lucie Heath

Antonio Marchitto, a Savile Row tailor who has made suits for Charles when he was a plain old prince, is among the thousands who have travelled to Buckingham Palace to lay flowers.

"The Queen was like our mum," said Mr Marchitto, who moved to London from Italy 49 years ago with his wife, Vittoria.

"When we came she was 17 and I was 20 – very young people, just got married – and the Queen for us was like our mum because we left our parents in Italy," he said.

Mr Marchitto met Charles while he was Prince of Wales, helping to make suits for him over the years. He describes the new King as a "very, very nice man" who is "meticulous" about his suits.

The mood was reflective yesterday morning as well-wishers began trickling down The Mall to lay flowers at the gate of Buckingham Palace. Among the early crowd were Lindsey and James McKelvie, who were visiting London from the Netherlands with their children, Claire and James. The family, who are originally from the US, said their trip had been



The Queen was 'like a mum' to Antonio and Vittoria Marchitto

made "more special" by coming and paying their respects to the Queen.

"It's heartbreaking. We've enjoyed her life, we've enjoyed her legacy and her entire family," Ms McKelvie said. "We've watched everyone grow up, her grandchildren, they've turned into wonderful people."

By lunchtime, crowds had filled the area in front of Buckingham Palace and volunteers were struggling to herd people through the one-way system. Accents and languages from all over the world could be heard in the crowd. A Scottish man was heard explaining the Union of the Crowns to a curious American tourist.

Tara Jones, from Swindon, told that the atmosphere at Green Park had been "very touching and loving". "[The Queen] gave us 70 years so we're giving a little back."

A woman who gave her name as Ms Yamaha, who is originally from Japan but has lived in London for 10 years, said she had come to Green Park to "share and help".



Military mounts rehearse for Monday's funeral

Soldiers of the Household Cavalry take part in rehearsals for the Queen's funeral. Horses had their hooves treated before the ceremony (above) and sombre Life Guards were seen at Wellington Barracks carrying a coffin draped in black and laying it down on a horse-drawn gun carriage. GETTY



MONARCHY

Andrew will wear uniform at final vigil

By Molly Blackall

Prince Andrew will wear military uniform during a vigil over the Queen's coffin despite having been stripped of his royal titles.

Working members of the Royal Family will wear military uniform during all five of the ceremonial events during the period of national mourning for the Queen, who died aged 96 on Thursday.

As a non-working member of the family, the Duke of York will not be in military uniform for four of the events, but he will wear military dress during the final vigil at Westminster Hall.

It is not yet known when the vigil will take place, but sources said he would be in the attire as a "special mark of respect" for the Queen.

Andrew, the late monarch's second son, stepped down from public life in 2019 after the furore over his friendship with paedophile billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, and paid millions to settle a civil lawsuit by Virginia Roberts Giuffre, who accused him of sexually assaulting her as a teenager.

Andrew has consistently denied the allegations.

In January, ahead of his legal settlement, his mother, the Queen, stripped him of all of his honorary military roles, including colonel of the Grenadier Guards, and he gave up his HRH style.

Andrew, a former Royal Navy officer who served in the Falklands War, retained his rank as a vice admiral.

It followed a letter from more than

150 military veterans to the Queen to ask her to strip him of his honorary military roles amid what they described as their "upset and anger".

Working royals wore military attire yesterday during the service of thanksgiving at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, and will do so again during the procession to Westminster Hall and service of prayer and reflection. They will be in military dress for the state funeral at Westminster Abbey and the committal service at St George's Chapel Windsor.

Prince Andrew chatted to well-wishers outside Balmoral on Saturday in a rare public appearance. He also appeared in a BBC documentary paying tribute to his mother.

However royal experts told *i* this week that there was little chance of the Prince fully returning to public life following the Queen's death.

"In her last years, it's said that the Queen was often leant on by Prince Andrew for some form of comeback – not least in his surprise appearance at Prince Philip's memorial service," royal expert Harry Mount said.

"With her sad death, that door has closed. King Charles III and the Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge are said to be dead set against any comeback for Andrew."

It has not yet been confirmed whether the Duke of Sussex – also a non-working royal – will wear military dress.

At the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral in April 2021, the issue was dealt with by the Queen who decided that no members of the Royal Family should wear uniform.



Andrew, a former Royal Navy officer, retained his rank as a vice admiral

TRANSPORT

Still no train timetable for mourners travelling by rail

By Steve Robson

NORTHERN REPORTER

Transport bosses are warning that London will experience "unprecedented travel demand" in the coming days as crowds flock to the capital for the Queen's state funeral.

Extra staff and services are being put on in London but there are complaints that the ongoing fiasco on the West Coast mainline is preventing people from booking journeys from further afield.

The operator Avanti has been running a reduced emergency timetable for more than a month, blaming staff for taking unofficial strike action by refusing to work rest days.

The union Aslef has rejected the criticism, claiming that Avanti simply does not have enough drivers.

Yesterday, no timetable was available for trains on the West Coast mainline, which connects most major cities to London via Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow, for this Saturday and Sunday.

"There are likely to be tens of thousands trying to get to London to pay their respects to the Queen and it is ridiculous that no timetable is available," one traveller wrote.

Another added: "I think many of us Northern folk will be unable to visit London to pay our respects due to the unreliability of Avanti."

A spokesman for Avanti apologised for the lack of timetable, admitting it is "far from ideal" but said that tickets for the weekend of 17 September would be confirmed "over the next few days".

An estimated 750,000 people are expected to pay their respects in Westminster Hall after the Queen's coffin arrives tomorrow evening – although the number could surpass that prediction – with queues potentially extending for miles.

Underground stations near Buckingham Palace are already experiencing a surge in demand. Transport for London (TfL) said that 29,307 people passed through St James's Park station on Saturday, compared with 10,942 a week earlier.

In a joint statement, Network Rail, TfL and industry body the Rail Delivery Group said: "As Her Majesty's coffin travels to London to lie in state at the Palace of Westminster, it is expected that we will see unprecedented travel demand in the capital, especially from Wednesday, 14 September."

750,000

Number of people expected to pay their respects as the Queen lies in state

SOCIETY

How mourners can queue to pay their respects to the Queen

Hundreds of thousands of people expected to attend the lying-in-state, report **Joe Duggan** and **Chloe Chaplain**

More than 1,500 soldiers are being deployed to assist stewards and police officers monitoring hundreds of thousands of mourners paying their respects to the Queen before her state funeral next week.

Members of the Armed Forces will take part in the UK's largest-ever security operation as up to three-quarters of a million people are expected to travel to London to witness the Queen's lying-in-state.

The Culture Secretary, Michelle Donelan, has reportedly told Tory MPs that people could be waiting in a queue for up to 30 hours as the Government plans for "unprecedented demand".

Mourners will be filtered through strict airport-style security checks before entering Westminster Hall, where the Queen will lie in state for five nights ahead of her funeral on Monday.

Queue jumpers and people who are drunk have been warned they will be kicked out of the line, while tents are banned at the Palace of Westminster – though that hasn't stopped some royal fans already pitching up along the expected queue route.

As well as security guards and military personnel, up to 10,000 police officers are expected to be on duty each day of the lying-in-state in what will be one of the Metropolitan Police's largest-ever security operations.

WHO IS ORGANISING THE LYING-IN-STATE?

Its organisation has been a joint effort between the Royal Household, the Palace of Westminster and various government departments.

Multiple organisations have been mobilised to ensure the event goes ahead without a hitch.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Nadhim Zahawi, has been tasked with chairing daily meetings with cabinet ministers, parliamentary authorities, the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and other government officials to discuss the co-ordination of the lying-in-state.

The Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) is managing the public-facing element of the queue and has already issued guidance warning attendees they could face many hours of queuing, even overnight, in order to file past the coffin.

ARE MOURNERS ALLOWED TO CAMP OUT?

Despite the DCMS guidance stating that tents and gazebos should not be erected, royal fans were already marking their spots at points across London yesterday, more than 48 hours before the lying-in-state begins.

One mourner, Vanessa Nathakumaran, 56, from Harrow, was first in line to the south of Lambeth Bridge at noon yesterday, from where the queue is expected to be set on Wednesday at 5pm.

She said: "I don't want to miss it in case. They said they are probably going to control the crowds if [the queue] gets too long."

WHAT IS THE ROUTE OF THE QUEUE?

Full details about the route will be provided at 10pm tonight.

Security staff manning the route to Westminster Hall yesterday said the queue was likely to snake for

miles along the south side of the Thames to Tower Bridge.

WHAT CAN PEOPLE BRING WITH THEM?

A strict bag check policy will be in operation as part of the mammoth security operation, with only one small bag per person allowed to be brought into the Palace of Westminster.

The bag must be smaller than 40cm x 30cm x 20cm, with one simple opening or zip so that people can pass quickly through the security check. Anyone who brings a larger bag will need to leave it in a bag-drop facility.

WILL PEOPLE BE ABLE TO EAT AND DRINK?

Refreshments will be limited, so people are advised to bring their own food and drink to consume while they wait, but they will not be able to take it past the security search point outside the Palace of Westminster.

WHAT CAN'T YOU BRING OR DO?

Flowers and other tributes, including candles, soft toys and photographs, are not allowed in the Palace of Westminster, with the use of cameras and mobile phones forbidden inside.

Banners, placards, flags, advertising or items "that could be used to cause a disturbance" are also banned.

People are advised to "dress appropriately" as they pay their respects at the lying-in-state, and they will not be allowed to queue for others or ask others to queue for them.

IS THE EVENT ACCESSIBLE?

The DCMS has been in talks with disability charities and expert groups in order to ensure anyone with accessibility issues will still be able to pay their respects to the Queen.

There will be step-free access in Westminster and guide dogs will be permitted with more details on accessibility and support for those attending expected to be set out by the Government today.

James Taylor, of the disability equality charity Scope, told **i**: "Disabled people should be given the same opportunity as everyone else to pay their respects."

"We'd urge those involved in organising events to make sure disabled people aren't shut out of this national period of mourning."



Week ahead Lying-in-state and funeral rehearsals

Today The King and Queen Consort are scheduled to fly to Northern Ireland to visit Hillsborough Castle in Co Down, where they will view an exhibition about the late Queen's long association with the province.

The King will then meet Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris and local party leaders, and receive a message of condolence led by the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

After a short reception at Hillsborough, the King and Queen Consort will travel to St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast for a service of prayer and reflection. Before the event the King will meet leaders from all the major faiths in Northern Ireland and then return to London.

The Queen's coffin will be flown to London from Edinburgh and be placed at rest at Buckingham Palace.

A rehearsal for the procession of the coffin from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster is also expected to take place.

Details about the route for the lying-in-state queue are expected to be provided later today.

Tomorrow In a tribute to his late

mother, the King will lead the procession behind the gun carriage carrying her coffin to Westminster Hall in central London, where the Queen's lying-in-state will begin.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct a short service following the coffin's arrival. Those wishing to pay their respects will be able to file solemnly past the Queen's coffin from 5pm tomorrow until 6.30am on the day of the funeral – Monday 19 September. The hall will be open 24 hours a day.

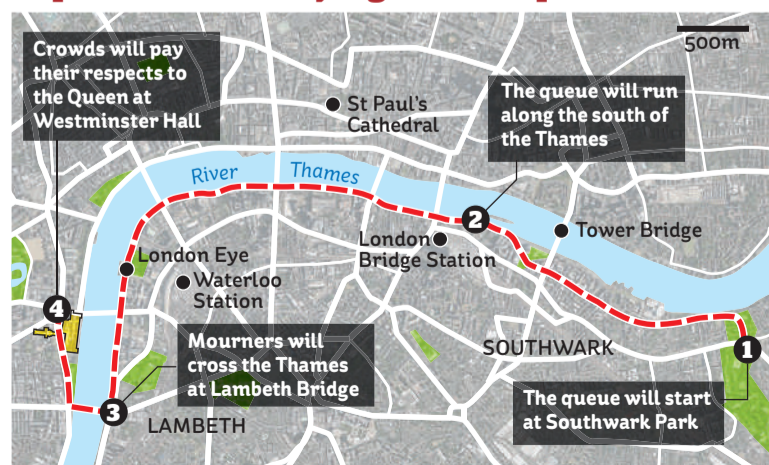
Senior royals are also expected to pay their respects by standing guard at some stage around the coffin – the tradition which is known as the Vigil of the Princes.

Thursday Lying-in-state continues and a rehearsal is likely to take place for the state funeral procession.

Friday The King and Queen Consort are expected to travel to Wales while lying-in-state continues.

Saturday and Sunday The lying-in-state continues and heads of state from across the world will begin to arrive for the funeral on Monday.

Expected route of lying-in-state queue





Clockwise from left: huge crowds turn out in Edinburgh yesterday to see the Queen's coffin taken to St Giles' Cathedral; a carpet of floral tributes next to a mural of the Queen in Belfast's Shankill Road; the first people begin queueing on Lambeth Bridge in London ahead of the Queen's lying-in-state tomorrow BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP; CONOR McCAUGHLEY/ANADOLU/GETTY; STEFAN ROUSSEAU/PA



POLITICS

'It was amazing she was so bright and focused'

By Nick Duffy

Boris Johnson has told how the Queen was "clearly not well", but had been "absolutely on it" during their final audience at Balmoral, just two days before she passed away.

Speaking to the BBC, the former prime minister said that the monarch had continued to display a keen interest in politics during the audience last Tuesday, as he offered his resignation following the Conservative leadership election.

Liz Truss visited Balmoral the same day, so that the Queen could invite her to form a Government, with pictures showing the monarch standing and warmly greeting her 15th and final Prime Minister.

Mr Johnson said: "One of the reasons it was so shocking to hear about her death was because in that audience she'd been absolutely on it just two days before."

"She was actively focused on geopolitics, on UK politics, quoting statesmen from the 50s, it was quite extraordinary."

He added: "She seemed very bright, very focused. Look, she was clearly not well, and I think that was the thing that I found so moving."

"When we all heard about her death two days later I thought how incredible it was that her sense of duty kept her going in the way it had. "Given how ill she obviously was, how amazing that she should be so bright and so focused. It was a pretty emotional time."



Boris Johnson arrives at Balmoral on 6 September to formally resign

It was the first time in her reign that the Queen had overseen a transfer in Government from Balmoral, where she typically spent her summer months.

At the time, the decision for both the outgoing and incoming prime ministers to travel hundreds of miles to Scotland sparked worries that the Queen may not be well enough to make the journey to Buckingham Palace or Windsor.

Concerns grew the next day when a Privy Council meeting with Ms Truss and senior members of the new Cabinet was postponed, with a Palace spokesman saying at the time: "After a full day yesterday, Her Majesty has this afternoon accepted doctors' advice to rest."

The worst fears were confirmed on Thursday as members of the Royal Family travelled north.

SOCIETY

Nation invited to stand silent on Sunday to honour the Queen

By Emily Ferguson and Katie Grant

The nation has been asked to stand still at 8pm on Sunday for a "national moment of reflection" in honour of the Queen.

Members of the public have been invited to mark the minute's silence at home, on their doorsteps or at an organised ceremony. Clubs and community groups are encouraged to host events themselves.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "At 8pm on Sunday 18 September, the night before the state funeral, there will be a one-minute silence where the public are invited to come together and observe a national moment of reflection to mourn and reflect on the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II."

He added: "The silence can be marked privately at home on your



England players observe a minute's silence at the Oval in London

own or with friends and neighbours, out on your doorstep or street with neighbours, or at any locally arranged community events and vigils.

"We encourage local community groups, clubs and other organisations to mark this moment of reflection. And if you are overseas, people are encouraged to mark the silence at their local time."

"The shared national moment of reflection is an opportunity for everyone across the UK to mark the death of Her Majesty and we will set out details of where the Prime Minister will mark it closer to that time."

Previously moments of silence have taken place at sporting events, such as the England Test cricket match against South Africa at The Oval, and in individual towns and cities, but this will be the first one observed on a national basis.

It came as a number of retailers said they would close next Monday to mark the Queen's state funeral.

The John Lewis Partnership, which also operates Waitrose supermarkets, will close almost all its stores, while supermarket chains Sainsbury's and Aldi confirmed they will not open on 19 September to allow staff to pay their respects.

Other supermarkets are expected to make similar announcements in the coming days.

Sainsbury's said its convenience stores and petrol filling stations would be open from 5pm until 10pm to allow customers to buy essential items and that some stores in central London would also be open to serve those attending the funeral.

POLICE

Anti-monarchists arrested for breaching peace

By Nick Duffy

At least three people have been arrested for alleged breaches of the peace related to anti-royal protests.

A 22-year-old man was arrested in Edinburgh yesterday after heckling Prince Andrew as he walked behind the Queen's coffin during the procession through the city.

Footage on social media appeared to show the man being shoved by onlookers and tackled to the ground by police in the wake of the incident.

On Sunday a 22-year-old woman holding a sign with the message "F**k imperialism, abolish monarchy" was arrested in Edinburgh "in connection with a breach of the peace". A 74-year-old man was separately arrested.

In London yesterday a woman holding a sign bearing the message "Not my king" was led away by police from the Palace of Westminster. Witnesses said she was not arrested and was allowed to continue her protest.



A protestor outside the Palace of Westminster yesterday

In a separate incident, a barrister filmed a police officer appearing to ask for his details because he planned to hold up a sign reading "Not my king".

Civil liberties groups have expressed fears about the "criminalisation" of anti-royal protests.

Jodie Beck, policy and campaigns officer at civil rights group Liberty, said: "Whoever you are, whatever your cause, it is vital you are able to stand up for what you believe in without facing the risk of criminalisation."

A Met Police spokesman said: "People have the right to protest. We urge those who want to do so with the dignity and respect that is expected during this significant period of reflection."

LONDON

World leaders reserve their places for the Queen's funeral

By Victoria Crow

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and Spain's King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia are among the latest leaders to confirm they will attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, which will take place on Monday in the most high-profile gathering of global leaders since the death of Nelson Mandela.

US President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, will attend the event at Westminster Abbey, which has a capacity of 2,000.

Italy's President Sergio Mattarella, South Korea's Yoon Suk-yeol, France's Emmanuel Macron and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have also confirmed, alongside the European Commission's president, Ursula von der Leyen.

Australia's Anthony Albanese, New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern and Canada's Justin Trudeau will be there along with royals from across Europe, including King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands and King Philip and Queen Mathilde of Belgium.

Sri Lanka's new President, Ranil Wickremesinghe, has also received an invitation, having recently assumed office when his predecessor, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, fled the country after mass protests and a foreign currency crisis.



President Zelensky signs a book of condolence for the Queen yesterday

State funeral Who is invited?

The list of which world leaders are invited to the state funeral is drawn up by Buckingham Palace rather than the Government.

Ministers do not get a veto over the invitations, meaning that heads of state and governments who are at loggerheads with the current British administration may travel here.

The heads of governments which are fundamentally opposed to Britain, such as Iran, Afghanistan and North Korea, will not be invited. If they had been, it is possible that

India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and China's President Xi Jinping have not yet confirmed if they will attend.

Mr Xi will make his first visit overseas this week in more than two years when he will meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in a sign of China's deepening relations with Russia amid the war in Ukraine. Mr Putin will not attend the funeral and Mr Xi is reportedly unlikely to.

It's also unclear if Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky will be there, despite becoming a staunch ally of former prime minister Boris Johnson since Russia's invasion began in February. Most men in Ukraine aged 18 to 60 have been banned from leaving the country while the war is under way.

Yesterday, Mr Zelensky signed a book of condolence opened in Kyiv following the Queen's death, writing: "Ukrainian women and men share this great loss."

He added: "The memory of Her Majesty and her selfless service to her people will for ever remain in the history of mankind."

The UK's ambassador in Kyiv, Melinda Simmons, said that she was "deeply honoured" by the President's gesture and "grateful to the President for taking the time to do this given all else that is happening in Ukraine at this time".

The tightly managed guest list will see leaders allowed just a single "plus one". They have also been asked to travel by commercial flight and bus, with official cars banned, in what is sure to pose a security headache for the likes of US President Joe Biden, who usually travels in a fortified private car dubbed the Beast.

Yesterday, however, a spokesman for Liz Truss said that "arrangements for different leaders will vary" and downplayed suggestions that Mr Biden would have to ditch Air Force One in favour of a commercial flight.

the security services would have intervened. The Foreign Office is working to process visas for visiting leaders and their delegations – the third time in 18 months it has had to do so, after the G7 summit in Cornwall last year and the COP26 climate gathering in Glasgow.

There will be no time for Liz Truss to hold formal bilateral meetings with other leaders, according to No 10, but they will be able to talk informally at various points.

Hugo Gye



REACTION

Tributes paid at British embassies across world

By Nick Duffy

Crowds gathered at British embassies and consulates around the world, from Harare to Tokyo and Hong Kong, as people left floral tributes to Queen Elizabeth II.

They wanted to pay tribute to a monarch whose influence extended far beyond the UK and who stood as a symbol of Britain and the Commonwealth for seven decades.

In Harare, Zimbabwe – which at the start of the Queen's reign was part of the British colony of Southern Rhodesia – locals showed their enduring respect for the Queen.

One message read: "We will miss you, Your Majesty. Rest in peace."

Large wreaths were also left at the British embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, expressing "our deepest condolences on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II".

Three-hour queues were reported in Hong Kong as hundreds of people waited in sweltering heat to present bouquets and sign a book of condolence at the British consulate, which

warned people to bring water and wear appropriate clothing.

Emily Ng, 30, was in the line, clutching a portrait that she had painted of the Queen. She said: "I felt very connected to the Royal Family and even after the handover I would like to maintain that connection."

Ms Ng said that her grandmother collected stamps with the Queen's image and "used to tell me a lot of stories about the Royal Family", adding that she had written to the Queen repeatedly over the years and received replies.



A condolence card left at the British embassy in Harare, Zimbabwe

A 19-year-old engineering student, who gave his first name as Gordon, said: "Colonialism brought a lot of suffering to many people, not only in Hong Kong, but also and particularly in Africa."

"But it also brought Hong Kong new culture and institutions, which shaped the city into what it is today." The death was marked at British embassies in Beijing and Moscow, despite the souring of the UK's relations with Russia and China.

The Chinese Vice President, Wang Qishan, visited the embassy in Beijing, where he extended "sincere sympathy" to the Royal Family and lauded the late monarch for her contribution to the relationship between China and the UK.

Russians laid flowers at the British embassy, despite the dire state of relations between London and Moscow. "Despite what is going on now, the Queen and the royal house have always been the personification of peace and goodness," said Anton Avramets after placing a pink bouquet on a wall outside the building.



Left: a pet Corgi is walked past flowers outside the British consulate in Hong Kong yesterday; the UK's ambassador to Germany, Jill Gallard, reads tributes to the Queen outside the British embassy in Berlin (above); an 18th-century cottage owned by King Charles, bought through his charity foundation, in the Transylvanian village of Viscri, a Unesco World Heritage site in Romania
PETER PARKS/AFP/GETTY; SEAN GALLUP/GETTY; ANCA CERNATI/REUTERS



PEOPLE

Girl, 8, thrilled by one of last letters sent by the Queen

By Victoria Crow

A pony-loving girl from Australia is thrilled to be the recipient of one of the Queen's final letters, received on the day she heard the 96-year-old monarch had passed away.

Olivia Akers, eight, from Tallygaroopna in Victoria, wrote to the Queen asking how many horses she had and if she really liked marmalade sandwiches.

She sent a photograph of herself dressed as the Queen at Trooping the Colour on her horse, Lady.

"Olivia sent her letter back in June and she's patiently been asking, 'Have we got a letter back from the Queen?'," her mother, Natalie Akers, told Australian media.

When the family heard news of the Queen's death, they thought they would not receive a reply. However, a letter dated 25 August and sent from Balmoral was at the local post office.

"We had a bit of a greeting card for the Queen's Jubilee thanking her for the letter, and then a personalised message from the Queen's lady-in-waiting acknowledging Liv sitting



Olivia Akers, eight, holding the letter she wrote to the Queen in June

there on her 'splendid' pony," her mother said.

The letter, signed by Annabel Whitehead, said the Queen was "interested to see the photographs you enclosed in which you and your splendid pony, Lady, are depicted in the costume you chose".

"Her Majesty was touched to know that you too enjoy horse-riding, and I am to thank you again for your thoughtfulness in writing."

Ms Akers said she and her daughter were "a little bit teary" as "it's probably one of her last letters".

"I'm sure Olivia will treasure that letter for the rest of her life," she said.

AUSTRALIA

She 'made us feel human', indigenous elder recalls

By Victoria Crow

An Australian indigenous elder has recalled how the Queen "made us feel human" when he met her at Buckingham Palace, amid calls for her death to mark a new chapter in Australia's future.

Patrick Lionel Djargun Dodson told ABC that meeting the Queen along with other First Nations leaders in 1999 ahead of a vote on whether the country should become a republic was a significant moment.

"It's a funny thing, to feel a bit emotional about it, because she was so welcoming," he said.

"She thanked us for coming... I think for the first time in our lives, we were treated properly."

Mr Dodson, an elder of the Yawuru people, who is now a federal Labor senator, said that his delegation arrived and "were totally disarmed" by the experience and the Queen was genuinely interested to hear about their lives and stories.

The republic vote was narrowly defeated, with 55 per cent of people opting in favour of keeping the UK's monarch as head of state.

However republican campaigners expect that to change in future, and the Queen's death has led some to call for the country to forge a new independent path.

Greens senator for Victoria, Lidia Thorpe, a Gunna, Gunditjmara and Djab Wurrung woman, who was directed to repeat the oath of allegiance last month when she called the Queen a "coloniser", has called for the Queen's death to mark the start of a new chapter.

"The Queen is dead. I've had some days to reflect, and know that people wanted me to come out ranting and raving to confirm their views of me as a crazy Blak woman," she wrote on Twitter.

"We could use this moment and



Patrick Lionel Djargun Dodson said the Queen was 'so welcoming' at their meeting in 1999
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momentum to empower people to democratically elect our own leader. Someone who represents all of us, uniting a country that has owned

up to its past and chosen its own future. That unity would be more powerful than any King. But we must Treaty first."

Greens leader Adam Bandt has said Australia "must move forward" in the wake of her death, while leader of the Australian Republican Movement, Peter FitzSimons, said he expected to see a surge in interest and donations.

The Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, despite being a republican himself, has hosed down talk of a republican vote in his first term in office.

AUSTRALIA

PM defends 15-day parliament halt

By Rod McGuirk

Australia's prime minister, Anthony Albanese, has defended an obscure and long-standing protocol that bars the nation's parliament from sitting for 15 days following a British monarch's death.

Lawmakers will reconvene on 23 September to debate a condolence motion for the Queen, the earliest date that the protocol allows, Mr Albanese (inset) said.

While presenting himself as a traditionalist, the prime minister wants an Australian president to replace the British monarch as head of state. But he has brushed off questions about creating a republic since the Queen's death.

Because the last British monarch died in 1952, few knew of the Australian protocol. Only two kings had died between then and when parliament first sat in 1901.



Asked who was behind the protocol, Mr Albanese replied it had "been in place for a long period of time".

"There is something to be said for a prime minister who follows tradition, who follows protocols and who follows order," he told reporters.

Anne Twomey, a Sydney University constitutional lawyer, said the protocol was not binding on the government.

"It's like curtsying to the Queen. There's no law that requires it," she said.

Mr Albanese and the monarch's representative in Australia, Governor-General David Hurley, will represent the nation at the Queen's funeral next week.

He has been criticised for the announcement of a one-off bank holiday on Thursday, 22 September to mark a national day of mourning for the Queen. Healthcare professionals said the short notice of the bank holiday will cause huge disruption.

DIPLOMACY

World leaders recall her sense of humour

By Taz Ali

From laughing about her weight with Nelson Mandela to talking hairstyles with Hillary Clinton, the Queen's lighter side has been revealed by world leaders.

The Queen enjoyed a "warm friendship" with the late South African president, who once joked about her weight on a visit to Buckingham Palace, said Zelda la Grange, Mr Mandela's private secretary.

"There was a deep respect between the two of them," Ms La Grange said.

"Mr Mandela had a very wicked sense of humour. He walked up to the Queen and when he saw her he said, 'Elizabeth, you've lost weight!' and the Queen burst out laughing," she said.

"I think he was the only person in the world who could comment on the

Queen's weight and get away with it." King Harald of Norway, the Queen's second cousin, also paid tribute, saying: "I am mourning the loss of a dear relative and confidant friend."

The two monarchs shared the same great-grandparents, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, who were the father and mother of Norway's Queen Maud.

The Norwegian court shared a never-before-seen photo of Queen Elizabeth with Queen Maud when she was a little girl, showing a young Elizabeth with short, curly hair.

Meanwhile in the US, as Americans marked the anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, President Joe Biden recalled a quote from the Queen.

"Her ambassador read a prayer

of service at St Thomas Church in New York, where she poignantly reminded us, quote, 'Grief is the price we pay for love,' he said.

The former US president Bill Clinton recalled their first meeting at a 1994 British state dinner.

He told CBS news: "If she hadn't been born into royalty, I think she might have made it on her own as a distinguished politician or diplomat. She was an amazing woman."

His wife, the former secretary of state Hillary Clinton (inset), also spoke of her admiration, describing the Queen as a "stalwart woman leader".

Ms Clinton told CNN: "Sometimes, there would be a wry exchange about how, as a woman leader, you always had to have your hair done."



EUROPE

‘Scandi-style’ monarchy could bring Charles closer to his subjects

Norway’s royals cultivate a ‘folksy’ image and the Dutch send their children to state schools. By **Adam Sherwin**

Impromptu walkabouts will become a feature of a more informal, “Scandinavian” style of monarchy under Charles III, royal observers predict. Sweden, Norway and Denmark have remained constitutional monarchies with their sovereigns adopting a less formal, “bicycling” form of rule.

The Norwegian royal family has over decades cultivated a folksy image aimed at retaining public support. The House of Glücksburg has even embraced Crown Princess Mette-Marit, a former waitress and single mother with a past involving partying and recreational drug use, as the bride of the heir to the throne, Crown Prince Haakon.

Gordon Brown has said that he expects King Charles to perform his duties in a more “approachable” and informal way than his mother Elizabeth II, with a slimmed-down Royal Family on display. The former prime minister suggested that they would become “more like a Scandinavian monarchy – but not in a bad way”.

Buoyed by the outpouring of support from well-wishers outside Buckingham Palace during his “spontaneous” walkabout on Friday, the new King wants to get as close to as many of his subjects as possible. Aware that a monarch can seem a distant figure, aides describe Charles as a tactile individual who enjoys glad-handing crowds.

He will take on more public engagements than the Queen was able to perform in her final years and is expected to spring more walkabouts on his security detail.



Crown Prince Haakon of Norway, with his wife, Crown Princess Mette-Marit – a former waitress

A deft media performer, who invited in television documentary crews to advance his campaigns when he was Prince of Wales, Charles approved the presence of cameras at Saturday’s Accession Council ceremony, when he was officially proclaimed King.

Buckingham Palace also used Instagram stories to give his new subjects a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the day.

Mark Borkowski, a public relations expert, said yesterday: “The monarchy will be more ‘touchy-feely’ with Charles. He has a keen emotional intelligence. You saw that in his first speech as King when he demonstrated empathy with Harry and Meghan. He didn’t need to say that.”

“The Palace walkabout was actually pure Diana – that was her influence. It looked impromptu but I think he planned it. He has been

thinking about and planning the transition since Prince Philip died. His mother’s funeral allows him to show that more vulnerable side to the nation.”

John Bridcut, the film-maker who produced the BBC documentary marking Charles’s 70th birthday, in which he stated that he would give up making political interventions when he was King, said: “There is a spontaneity and naturalness which people will notice. Many people felt a personal connection with the Queen: I think they will feel it in spades with King Charles. It will be a more personal reign, without shedding the dignity of his position.”

Charles could look to the Netherlands for inspiration, where members of the “bicycling” Dutch monarchy eschew royal palaces, have regular jobs and send their children to state schools.

On inheriting the throne in 2013 following the abdication of his mother Princess Beatrix, King Willem-Alexander told his subjects that they need not address him as “your majesty”. “I’m not a protocol fetishist,” the laid-back King said. “For me, it is about people feeling at ease when I’m with them.”

He said he had no problems with protests against his hereditary title. However, King Charles is unlikely to dispense entirely with centuries of pomp and pageantry and is sticking close to the formalities of the long-established plan following the death of his mother.

And an informal monarchy has proved to offer little protection from scandals and the vicissitudes of public opinion. Public confidence in King Willem-Alexander and his wife, Queen Máxima, hit an all-time low this year, with just 54 per cent of people in the Netherlands saying they had faith in the monarch.

Controversies over holidays that the family took during the pandemic and an 18th birthday party held for their eldest daughter, Princess Catharina-Amalia, during lockdown dented their popularity.

King Willem-Alexander receives an annual salary of €1m (£866,000) plus €5m for staff, although the actual cost to the Dutch taxpayer for the whole family is around €60m – three in five respondents said the cost was too high, in a recent poll.

In Britain, the Sovereign Grant for the Queen was set at £86.3m in the year 2021-22, not including security costs. Work on Buckingham Palace, which is undergoing a 10-year refurbishment, drove up total spending for the year to £102.4m.

DENMARK

Queen celebrates 50-year reign

By **Conrad Smith**

Scaled-down celebrations have taken place in Denmark marking 50 years on the throne by Queen Margrethe, whose reign is now Europe’s longest following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Dampened celebrations were ordered on Friday by the 82-year-old Margrethe (*inset*) – now also the only female monarch in the world – in respect for the Queen, who died on Thursday at 96.

Margrethe asked her court to adjust Saturday’s and Sunday’s anniversary programme at a short



notice, cancelling – among other things – her appearance on the Amalienborg Palace balcony to greet throngs of well-wishers as well as a ride through the Danish capital of Copenhagen in a horse-drawn carriage.

Sunday’s events included a church service and a lunch hosted by Margrethe.

Margrethe was proclaimed queen on 15 January 1972, a day after her father King Frederik IX, died following a short illness. The 50th-anniversary jubilee was initially scheduled for January but most events were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. AP



SOCIETY

The Queen’s constancy never went out of style

Elizabeth II resisted the winds of cultural change. By **Jo Ellison**

It’s a strange Britain that discovers the one person to whom the nation looks in time of crisis is no longer here to reassure us things will be OK. Regardless of one’s feelings for the monarchy, the Queen’s sheer presence, the unseen armature in our society, was such a constant that one started to imagine the inviolability of her reign.

She outlived so many members of my family that she came to represent a sort of matriarchal figure whose very alive-ness helped absorb the absences left by those who’d gone. She outlived my father by several decades. And she outlived my grandmother, surely one of the few people who could

actually remember meeting the princess when she was merely the granddaughter of George V, and still only third in line to the throne.

As family members dwindled, the Queen became an almost talismanic symbol: from remote princess to grinning grandmother, her death makes raw all sorts of memories and reignites a multitude of griefs. Did we love her? Did we need her? These things are no doubt up for long debate. But she was with us from the beginning: most Britons can date an early memory to some facet of her tenure or a feature of her reign. She was bank holidays and Christmas and those times which are quite fun to be around. And while I’ve never watched a



single Queen's Speech nor ever desired to, I always liked the knowledge that one year I might.

And she was there. Looking at social media right now, one is struck by just how ingrained Elizabeth II was as a general presence in our lives. The griefs we are now hearing on the radio and among those at the royal palaces evoke a stratum of society that one would well imagine might feel sad. But I've been surprised to see platforms such as TikTok reveal a depth of feeling among younger, non-white and often non-British citizens towards a woman who embodied a privilege of which I had assumed they were now tired.

And the Queen seemed little interested in likeability. For decades, her purse-lipped demeanour was all the public was allowed. "I simply ache from smiling," she is reported to have said in 1983. "Why are women expected to beam all the time? It's unfair."

In the official portraiture and press cuttings that comprised her public image before smartphones, the Queen's carapace of stoic, uncomplaining service was as constant as her boxy Launer handbag and her tiny, square-heeled Anello & Davide shoes. Post-Diana, in the great royal rehabilitation, she became more

cuddly and "relatable": pictures of her grinning would go viral, she shared sandwiches with Paddington Bear and her giggle became a million memes.

But as with her general manner, her style of business and her public personality, Elizabeth II won our affection precisely because she remained so resistant to the winds of cultural change. Her brand of British iconography was marvellously impervious to catwalk fashions: off duty she still stalked about in headscarves and quilted jackets like some throwback to the Sixties. In public she wore a strict uniform of colourful coat dress, paired with a matching small-brimmed hat so that the public might see her face. She wore her brightly florid costume like an armour, a technicolour pen-sketch that could be picked up by any camera, an instant symbol with or without her crown.



The Queen reportedly said she 'ached from smiling' in 1983 GETTY

Years ago, compiling a *Vogue* dossier on the Queen's wardrobe, I studied every outfit she had worn in public for one year. Looking at some several hundred of them revealed she had embraced a full spectrum of hues: 20 per cent of that year's appointments had been overseen in blues and indigos, 10 per cent in pink, 4 per cent in yellow and 11 per cent in green. She was literally a rainbow, a symbol that brightened up a room: and whether that person was Nelson Mandela or Martin McGuinness, she had a magnetism that made all sorts of people smile.

How wonderful, also, that in her last public engagement, she embodied the nation's grandmother rather than a head of state. Standing in her stout box kilt, dove-grey cardigan and stockings, she looked completely adorable – the simple country wife she once imagined she would be.

Many will speak of her selfless service to some vague concept of nationhood when thinking of her power. But I will forever be in awe of the woman who buried her dreams of following a life less ordinary to make a spectacle of herself at every dreary garden opening, state event and trestle table that required her time.

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Comment

There is no right or wrong way to express our grief

Simon Kelner



As it turned out, the death of a monarch was a once-in-several-generations occurrence, so it is hardly surprising that we didn't, and don't, quite know how to conduct ourselves in its wake. No matter how long you have to prepare for an event such as this, no matter how expected it is, and no matter how much forewarning you have, it still comes as something of a surprise, shock even.

It was interesting to learn that Liz Truss, having been presented with a speech that had been drafted, crafted and polished back in the days David Cameron had been prime minister, decided that she would do her own thing. For better or worse, she thought it would sound more authentic because it would reflect how she felt in the moment.

Likewise, the BBC's Huw Edwards, that most consummate and professional of broadcasters, will have practised so many times that moment when he had to announce to the nation that the Queen was dead, and yet when it actually arrived last Thursday evening, he couldn't mask the crack in his voice or the gathering tears in his eyes. You can never rehearse emotion, and he could not have predicted exactly how he would feel when it came to pass.

I think there is something similar happening in Britain at large. We knew that one day we would have to face the inevitable, but we couldn't predict how we would react. Would we wail in sorrow at our collective loss or celebrate a life "well lived", as the new King described it?

How would we elegantly mourn the passing of the Queen and then switch to joy at Charles's accession? The flags were at half-mast one day, then at full-mast the next, and back to half-mast. It's no wonder that the British people, or at least as we

are represented by some of our institutions and organisations, are a little confused.

Why, for instance, was football postponed last weekend when the Test match and other professional sport wasn't? Why did the BBC cancel *Last Night of The Proms* when it's difficult to think of an event more suited to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth? Even more unfathomably, why did rail workers and the postal unions call off the strikes planned for later this week? Did they think that going in to work rather than staying at home was a mark of respect for the late Queen?

The answer lies in a culture where offence is so easily confected and public disapproval so noisily whipped up that the fear of transgressing the arbitrary lines of what's right and what's not is such that judgement goes out of the window. And what do the football authorities, the BBC and the trade unions have in common? They are all organisations that, even in the normal course of events, get a rough ride from public opinion. You can understand their not wanting to take chances, but this has resulted in odd decisions that have more to do with protecting their reputations than respecting Her Majesty.

I am guessing that many individuals have faced similar dilemmas. The closure of Selfridges, for example, passes a subliminal message. Is shopping disrespectful? Equally, would I be doing the wrong thing by going to the pub? If I don't join the crowds at Buckingham Palace, does that mean I am unmoved by this momentous event?

There is unspoken pressure to mourn in a way that others deem publicly acceptable. But the truth is that grieving is a highly personal matter, and no one can gainsay what's in your heart, what you truly feel about the deceased. So, the best we can do is to follow the advice we were given in a different time of national crisis: Keep Calm and Carry On.

Would 'Last Night of the Proms' not have been perfectly suited to mark the passing of the Queen? REDFERN/GETTY





Crowds and soldiers cheered as the Garter King of Arms proclaimed Charles as Britain's new King from a balcony at St James's Palace on Saturday AFP/GETTY

Comment

Collective commemoration a powerful tool in navigating this national loss

Mark Wallace



Will you join the queue – forecast by some to be up to 20 hours long – to honour the late Queen as she lies in state in Westminster Hall? Millions are weighing up whether they can take the opportunity to say a final, personal farewell to Elizabeth II.

When her mother lay in state in the same location in 2002, an estimated 200,000 people queued up in this way. A generation earlier, more than 300,000 filed past Winston Churchill's coffin.

All sorts of people feel drawn to such occasions for all sorts of

reasons. Many have been surprised to discover in recent days that their grief for the Queen cuts more sharply and deeply than they had expected; that despite the sense that we all knew this day would come, we were nonetheless unprepared to discover quite how much of an influence her constant presence played in our lives.

So I fully expect there will be huge demand to attend the lying-in-state. The plans provide for crowds to pay their respects for 24 hours a day, a few seconds at a time, over the course of more than 100 hours.

The focus will be on the sorrowful quiet of Westminster Hall itself, a vast medieval space, where the floor is peppered with little brass plaques commemorating banquets and trials over the past 925 years. The formal mourning will take

place there, but the queue outside – running down Millbank, over Lambeth Bridge and back along the riverbank opposite Parliament – will be part of the process, too.

It would be a mistake to neglect the degree to which commemoration is a shared, collective experience. In our televised, social media sharing age, it's easy to focus on the central stage of whatever is taking place, and assume that what happens there is the whole story, but to do so ignores the role that personal experience plays in how we go through traumatic times in particular. The same applies for how we form and go on to recall memories about those experiences.

Each person queueing to say goodbye to the Queen – or packing the streets on the day of her

funeral – may arrive only with her in mind, but they will leave having mourned and commemorated alongside one another, with a memory of a shared, collective experience.

On Saturday, my wife and I took our children to The Mall outside Buckingham Palace for the proclamation of King Charles III. Having attended the Platinum Jubilee in the same place it was a bittersweet visit to say goodbye to the Queen and perhaps see her successor, too.

We would pass by for an hour, or maybe two, lay flowers and go about the rest of our day. So we thought. Instead, we found ourselves by chance right at the gate of the Palace, hemmed in with others as the new Government, then the Queen Consort and eventually

the King himself passed by. What started as a flying visit somehow became a whole day – and what began as a commemoration solely about the House of Windsor ended up as a shared experience and memory as part of a whole crowd.

Our children played with those nearby, while we exchanged memories with their parents and we all grilled the security staff about the plans for the day.

One little boy borrowed a policeman's helmet and smartly saluted the crowd, while other officers pelted down the road after a man who had jumped the barriers. A workman, carried aloft on a flatbed lorry full of Portaloos, received an uproarious cheer as he was driven down the Mall, calmly delivering not only his cargo but an expert royal wave to the masses.

The temptation to leave and head home having laid our flowers was overrun first by the desire to stay just a little longer, and then by the fellow feeling of the mass of others – all of whom seemed to have intended just to drop by, but had unexpectedly become caught in a shared moment.

It was there that it struck me that while we all experience our individual feelings about the death of the Queen, and about the turning of our nation's seasons, those very personal emotions are still best experienced together. A time of loss, and uncertainty – perhaps even alarm, in some ways – can be navigated with others better than simply alone.

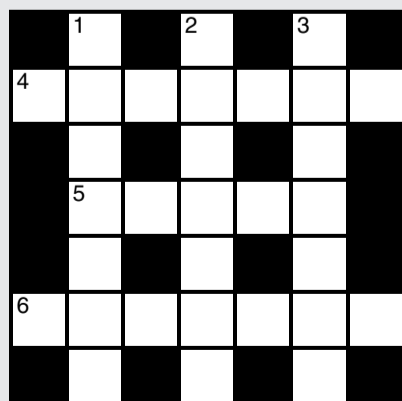
This is one reason, of course, why lockdown was doubly difficult: the deaths, the fear, the anxiety for the future, was compounded by the need to suffer it alone, apart from the society in which we might otherwise find some solace.

The chance to commemorate together, to share their sorrow and memories with others, is a powerful part of navigating a national loss.

When those who visit the Queen as she lies in state come to recall and recount the experience in years to come, I fully expect the queue – the other people, the fellow bereaved subjects they stood alongside – will spring to mind just as vividly as the coffin of the monarch that they came to honour.

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The Five-Clue Cryptic Crossword No 3683



Solution, page 53

Across

- 4 Cold drink's knocked back outside pub providing entertainment (7)
5/6 Old projector showing car alignment is out (5,7)

Down

- 1 Nothing attending lunch perhaps but porridge ingredient (7)
2 Spoil attendance in Kent seaside resort (7)
3 Two different fabrics that might be a court feature (3,4)

OPERATIONS

Monarch's birthday messages paused

Congratulatory messages on behalf of the monarch to people who reach their 100th birthday, or couples marking milestone anniversaries, have been temporarily paused.

Following the Queen's death, future messages will be sent on behalf of King Charles III. It is not clear when the congratulatory cards, arranged by the Anniversaries Office at Buckingham Palace, will resume.

Anyone who has applied online or via post will have their applications processed "when operations resume" and receive confirmation.

SOCIETY

Guides to keep oath until after funeral

Girlguiding has announced it will not be changing its "promise" as a mark of respect to the Queen during the national period of mourning.

The umbrella organisation for the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers currently asks new joining members to promise "to serve the Queen and my community" and said it will "reflect at an appropriate time and communicate with its members in due course" about changing the wording to "King" after the Queen's funeral.

FRANCE

Left-wing mayors reject flag order

Several mayors in France are refusing to fly flags at half-mast for the Queen, despite orders from the government to do so.

France's Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne, ordered town halls and other public buildings to lower the Tricolour to half-mast next Monday, the day of the funeral.

However some left-wing mayors have followed Yann Galut, mayor of Bourges, and Patrick Proisy, mayor of Faches-Thumesnil, after they said they would disobey the order.

"This request seems incredible to me," Mr Galut tweeted.

HISTORY

How mourning has changed: it was compulsory and could go on for years

Our 10-day show of grief is, thankfully, not required by law. By **Kate Lister**



With the sad passing of the Queen, a period of national mourning was announced.

Mourning the death of a loved one is an entirely natural process, but formalised, state mourning is a different beast altogether.

Precisely what does “national mourning” require? According to the National Mourning Guidance, issued by the Government, it is “a period of time for reflection in response to the demise of the Sovereign, or other member of the Royal Family or a very prominent person in national life”.

In this case, it is lasting for 10 days and will end on Monday, the day of the Queen’s funeral.

According to the guidance, there is “no obligation on organisations to suspend business during the National Mourning period”.

Nor is there any “obligation to cancel or postpone events and sporting fixtures, or close entertainment venues”.

Flags flying from Royal residences, government buildings and military establishments will be lowered to half-mast. Books of condolence will be made available for those who wish to sign them.

And that’s really about it. Businesses, local authorities and individual citizens are welcome to mourn in their own way, and many will, but there is no obligation to do so, which is certainly not how things were done in the past.

Historically, the death of a monarch is marked with considerable pomp and ceremony. The funeral procession, burial and displays of mourning were – and still are – highly elaborate and very expensive. Church bells would ring, solemn services would be offered, the Royal palaces and Westminster Abbey would be decked out in black mourning decorations, as would the members of the Royal Family and those of the Royal Court.

As manufacturing advanced, Royal funerals were accompanied by funeral medals, special coins, commemorative figurines, prints and engravings. The press clambered to report on every detail,



Queen Victoria mourned Albert for years but did not insist on black linen PRINT COLLECTOR/GETTY

and a fascinated public eagerly watched on, desperate to be a part of any stage of the preparations.

When George IV’s funeral was being prepared in 1830, for example, the Royal undertakers had to request a police presence while building the coffin because they found themselves “beset by thousands” of onlookers, desperate for the glimpse of it being made. Eventually, a special “viewing area” had to be built for the public to see the coffin of the king.

Then there was the official mourning period, which could be lengthy and was not optional. In 1685, after the death of Charles II, an official period of mourning for the court was introduced that remained the standard form for the next 100 years.

The Earl Marshal decreed that “all persons... put themselves into deepest Mourning (long cloaks only excepted). And that as well all Lords as Privy-Councillors, and officers of His Majesty’s and her late Majesty’s household, do cover their coaches, chariots and chairs and cloth their livery servants with black cloth and that none presume to use any

varnished or bullion nails to be seen on their coaches or chairs”.

These rules were expanded on by the Lord Chamberlain’s office in 1737 to include very precise details of who could wear what for whose death, and for how long. The “deepest” mourning was reserved for the death of a monarch, after which everyone at court would wear plain black linens for months, possibly years, slowly introducing shades of dark grey, luxury fabrics, such as velvet, and accessories like ribbons and necklaces.

The official mourning period for the death of a monarch in the 18th century was at least a year, but it could be several. For minor members of the Royal Family, it could be anywhere between six weeks and two years.

What made this even more complicated was that the English Courts also mourned the death of Royalty at other courts across

Europe, which could mean a state of almost constant mourning at Court. Between the years of 1773-1821, the Lord Chamberlain’s records list 95 different court mournings.

It wasn’t just members of the Royal Court who were forced to mourn. To mark such a sombre occasion, the theatres were traditionally closed by order of the Lord Chamberlain.

This could last for a few days to several weeks. Actors, proprietors and those whose business relied on the trade the theatre brought were understandably upset at the loss of revenue and frequently petitioned for a reprieve.

Theatres were still being forcibly closed during periods of national mourning into the 19th century. The futility of it, not to mention the loss of income, did not go unchallenged in the press of the day.

An article published in *The Era* in 1857 grumbled that “people are not sorrowful by command” and argued that as the Lord Chamberlain does not force the closure of casinos, or “dancing houses”, closing theatres to mourn the death of a royal only had the effect of “suspend[ing] the

most intellectual, and leav[ing] the most sensual entertainments their full swing”. Eventually, the custom thankfully fell out of practice.

The fashion industry struggled too. Forcing courtiers to wear plain black clothing for prolonged periods had a profound effect on drapers, tailors, silk merchants, milliners and countless other professions who made their living dressing the aristocracy.

And periods of national mourning could last a very long time. The mourning for Prince George of Denmark, for example, started in 1708 and lasted for two years. This could mean missing not one but two, and possibly three fashion seasons.

What was worse was that to meet the sudden demand for black fabrics, French merchants began supplying the British trade. The loss of business resulted in numerous petitions to Parliament, and in 1765 several thousand silk weavers marched in London, waving black flags to protest their loss of income requesting a “prohibition of all foreign-wrought silks”.

The petitions and the demonstrations, not to mention the substantial hit to the economy, did change mourning customs.

In 1768, protocol for Royal mourning was halved. Monarchs began shortening extended periods of mourning, and emerging from their grief before they were customarily expected to.

In 1816, they were shortened again, and in 1818, following the death of Queen Charlotte, it was announced that while the Royal Family would go into mourning, it was not required for others to stay in mourning for more than six weeks.

The tradition of state-imposed mourning eventually fell away until we have the protocol we are now observing. Even Queen Victoria, who went into mourning for decades following the death of her beloved husband, Albert, did not close the theatres for this period or insist on everyone around her wearing only black linen.

The death of a monarch is a significant historical event marked by customs and traditions that are thousands of years old.

However, forcing your subjects to mourn your death has thankfully been resigned to the historical dustbin. We can see echoes today, though, as businesses voluntarily cancelling events give rise to the same frustrations at the loss of income that accompanied national mourning several hundred years ago. But at the very least, our period of mourning is short and not compulsory.

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The press clambered to report on every detail, and a fascinated public eagerly watched on

ECONOMY

Seventy years of shifting fortunes

The Queen ruled during decades of significant social and economic change in the UK. By **Keith Fray**

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest-serving monarch in British history. Her long reign coincided with fundamental shifts in the UK's economy, politics and society.

Here the *Financial Times* data team look at the past 70 years in a series of charts.

The population of the UK increased by around a third during the Queen's reign, from 50.5 million in 1952 to 67.5 million today. But the reasons for change shifted over the period. In the first decade, there was the post-war "baby boom", which was tempered by the advent of the contraceptive pill in the 1960s and increased female participation in the labour force.

During the 1950s and 1960s, immigration from the Commonwealth, particularly the Caribbean and the Indian subcontinent, was balanced by Britons relocating abroad.

Net migration rose sharply after the millennium, however, as new members joined the EU, encouraging waves of immigration producing a much more ethnically diverse country than in 1952. Around 14 per cent of today's population were born abroad.

Social norms have undergone a huge transformation under the Queen. Family structures are no longer as rigid as they once were, partly reflecting the waning influence of religion.

Legislation in the 1960s and early 1970s legalised abortion and homosexuality and made divorce much easier. Divorcees and single-parent families were socially stigmatised in 1952 but are commonplace today.

Last year, for the first time, a majority of children were born with unmarried parents. Same-sex civil partnerships were allowed, initially in England and Wales,

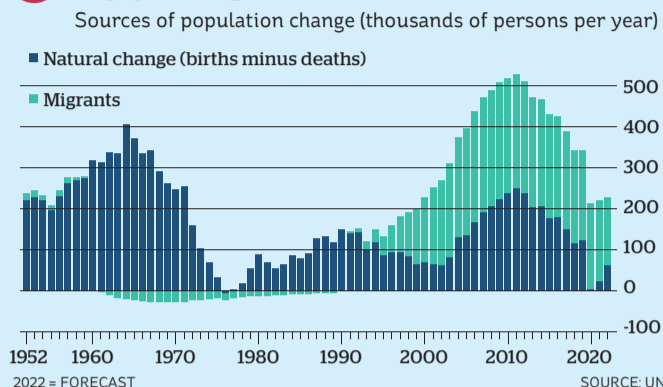
from 2004 and marriages from 2013.

One of the greatest social changes over her reign has been in the economic activity of women. Female workers increased during both World Wars, replacing men away in the forces, but in peacetime many industries, particularly mining and manufacturing, were almost exclusively male.

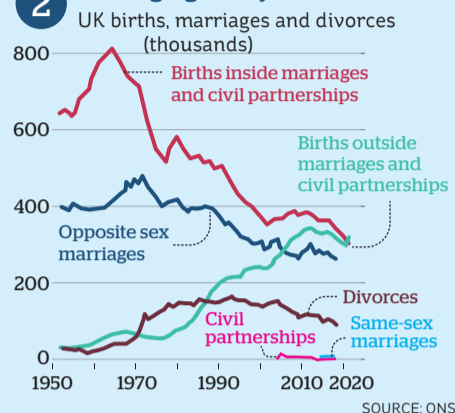
The proportion of women in the workforce has increased by a third in the past 50 years, partly because

The Queen's 70-year reign in 10 charts

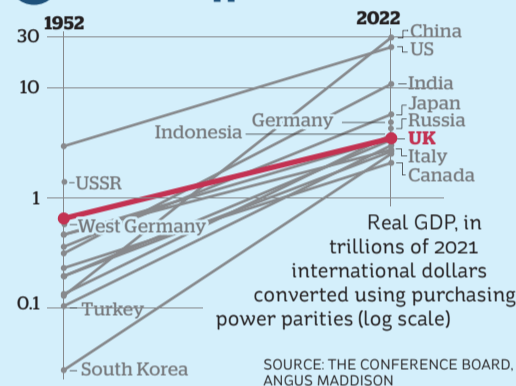
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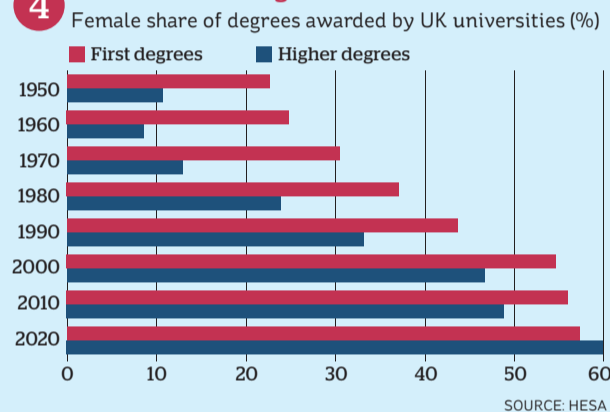
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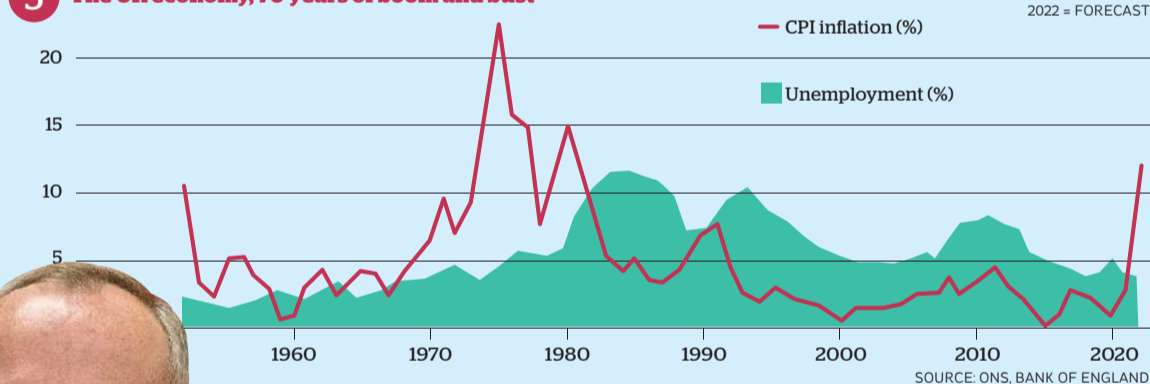
3 Once the third-largest economy, the UK has slipped down the list



4 The liberation of higher education



5 The UK economy, 70 years of boom and bust



of improvements in contraception but also shifts in the economy away from heavy industry towards service activities.

This shift can be seen in higher education, vital for a modern economy. Female graduates were once a rarity, but women now account for the majority of first degrees awarded.

In 1952, the UK was still the third-biggest economy in the world, only behind the superpowers of the US and the Soviet Union, and became the world's third nuclear power late in that year.

Now, the UK is eighth of the Top 10 largest economies when measured at purchasing-power parities. Even in straight cash terms, the economy of India, a former British colony, is expected to overtake that of the UK in size this year.

The early years of the Queen's reign were characterised by an

expanding economy and broad party consensus on economic policy. Governments, Conservative as well as Labour, supported taxation to fund the welfare state. Large parts of industry were state-owned.

That consensus disappeared in the 1970s as inflation rose – peaking at 27 per cent in mid-1975 – and the first serious recession since the war saw the return of mass unemployment.

After the government of Margaret Thatcher from 1979 to 1990 a new consensus emerged, of low taxation and spending, and market-centred solutions to economic problems.

The Covid-19 pandemic and energy price shock from the Ukraine war have posed severe tests for government, with double-digit inflation and a recession expected next year.

Dean Acheson, a former US secretary of state, said in 1962 that Great Britain had "lost an empire but has not yet found a role".

The problem is starkly illustrated by the UK's shifting patterns of trade.

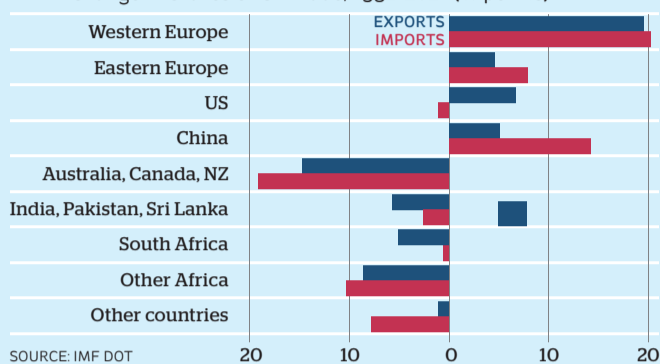
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Changes in the law allowed Neil Allard, right, and Andrew Wale to be one of the first gay couples to marry in England in 2014

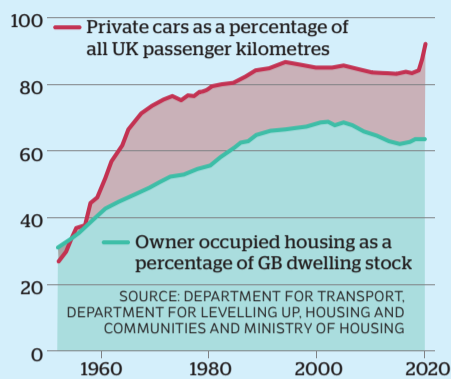


6 Trade patterns have shifted from the remnants of empire to Europe and increasingly China

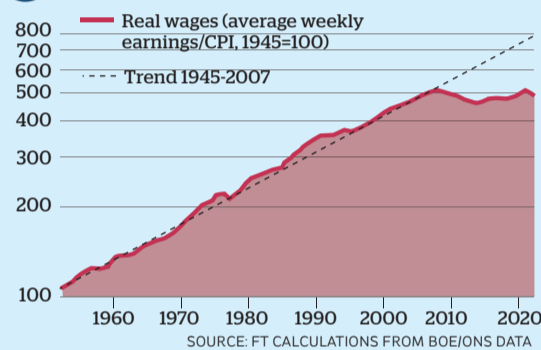
Change in shares of UK trade, 1952-2021 (% points)



7 From public to private provision - UK housing and transport

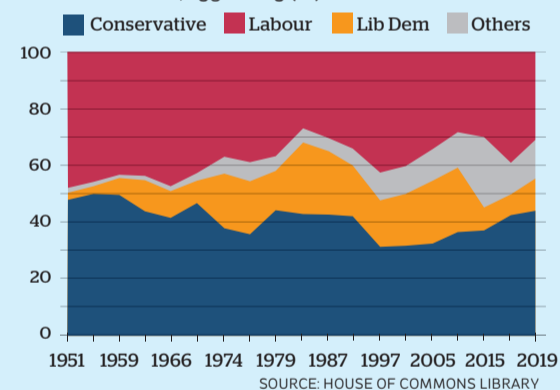


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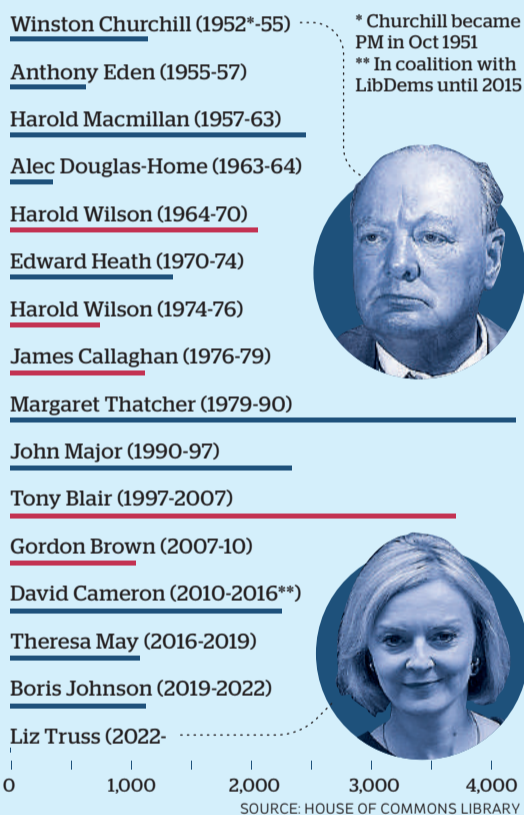
10 UK elections have seen a shift away from a two-party system

Share of vote, 1951-2019 (%)



9 Queen Elizabeth II's reign spanned 15 prime ministers

Prime ministers, days in office



In the early 1950s, trade was still concentrated on former colonies. Since joining the EEC in 1973, it has been increasingly dominated by European neighbours.

Relations with Europe have been a major issue in UK politics, culminating in the Brexit vote of 2016 and the country's eventual departure from the EU.

Many aspects of the economy and society since the 1950s showed a decline in collective provision and identification, replaced by an individualism defined by ownership.

The transportation sector



The Queen has presided over some of the biggest social changes in history

has long been dominated by privately-owned cars. In housing, the Thatcher government's attempt at creating a "property-owning democracy" and consequent sell-off of council-owned housing boosted the proportion of owner-occupiers.

These changes have not been unproblematic. Governments of all shades have had to deal with the impact of widespread car ownership on the environment and with the impact of house prices on consumer confidence and, consequently, economic growth.

Average wages in the UK generally grew above inflation for the bulk of the period. But there was an abrupt break from that trend in the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis.

Trade unions, weakened by the reforms of the Thatcher government in the 1980s and falling membership, found themselves unable to bid up wage levels. With the return of high inflation in 2022 union militancy has reappeared.

The late Queen received 15 different prime ministers during her 70 years on the throne. The

first, Sir Winston Churchill, was born in 1874, the last, Liz Truss, over a century later in 1975.

The Conservative party was in power for two-thirds of her reign, including five years as the dominant coalition partner with the Liberal Democrats.

Old political identities have broken down over the length of her reign. The Conservative and Labour parties - with largely class-based allegiances - claimed 97 per cent of the popular vote in the 1951 general election. The Labour government won 48.8 per cent of the vote - and lost.

Voters are now much more likely to support other parties - between a quarter and third of the electorate in every election since 1997, except for 2017, where both Labour and the Tories polled over 40 per cent.

In 2015, the nationalist SNP won over 50 per cent of the popular vote in Scotland, and 56 out of 59 seats. The previous party to win a majority of Scottish votes were the Tories, in 1955.

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CEREMONY

Who will be advising Charles on royal protocol?

Coronation is King's chance to display character of monarchy. By **Eliot Wilson**

We are living in extraordinary times. The death of Elizabeth II and the accession of the King is the first transfer of monarchical power in 70 years, and there are many changes which will sink in gradually over the next days, weeks and months.

The immediate plans for Operation London Bridge, as the death of the Queen was dubbed, became relatively well known over the years. They had been in preparation since the 60s. But who is pulling the levers to make everything work?

The senior "operational" member of the Royal Household is the sovereign's private secretary, Sir Edward Young (*inset*). He has been a courtier for nearly 20 years. He was one of the organisers of Elizabeth II's visit to Ireland in 2011. However, some palace insiders blamed him for allowing the rift with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to arise.

Co-ordinating the work of the household is the Lord Chamberlain. It is now a part-time role but nevertheless holds important convening power. The current Lord Chamberlain is Lord Parker of Minsmere, whose name is not familiar to the public, but from 2013 to 2020 he was director-general of MI5. While he will not be taking a leading role in the operation, he is a potential source of wise and experienced counsel.

In the short term, much of the outward presentation of the monarchy will come under the control of the Earl Marshal, who is in charge of ceremonial arrangements including Elizabeth II's state funeral. The Office of Earl Marshal is held by the Duke of Norfolk, Edward Fitzalan-Howard. He has held the position for 20 years and is well experienced in the kind of detailed preparation that royal protocol expects and requires.

If much is already laid down and will, to some extent, unfold according to a schedule, there are decisions which still need to be made. The King's coronation will be King Charles III's biggest opportunity to make a statement about the kind of sovereign he wants to be. The arrangements over

his mother's ceremony in 1953 were hotly debated, with traditionalist and modernising factions clashing.

The King is faced with the challenge of creating a ceremony which reflects a thousand years of royal history but somehow remains relevant in the world of the 21st century. Elizabeth's coronation was first and foremost a Christian service and, while the King's personal religious convictions are conventionally Anglican, many suspect he will want to be more inclusive and ecumenical. It is not an easy balance to strike. The monarchy is a fundamentally sacral institution but must retain the adherence and affection of a public which is dramatically less engaged with organised religion than in 1953.

It is also worth noting that the King is the oldest monarch to accede to the throne in British history, at 73. His perspective on being sovereign is inevitably very different from that of his mother who acceded at 25. It may well be, therefore, that the King

turns to his son and heir, the Prince of Wales, for support and advice. William shares his father's passion for conservation, and has also campaigned on the issues of mental health and homelessness, so that may suggest some areas of advocacy for the new régime.

There is a common perception that the role of sovereign is one which is constrained and cramped by convention and precedent. There is truth in that, and the new King will find an endless supply of courtiers who will tell him how things have been done, or how things should be done. We know that he is not always patient with this kind of advice and has chafed against the limitations of his role for years. Things are different now.

The King must choose the kind of monarch he wishes to be. His mother's example looms large over us all, but Elizabeth's reign was an exception in length and turbulence, and he would do well to chart his own course. Better than anyone, as the heir for seven decades, he knows how the institutions of the monarchy work and what support they can give him. "The Firm" is, to some extent, a self-perpetuating organisation. But Charles III is the king, and ultimately he has the power to make choices. It will be fascinating for palace-watchers to see how he faces this great challenge of his life.

He faces the challenge of creating a ceremony which reflects royal history but is relevant in the 21st century

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Liz Truss at a service for the Queen in Edinburgh yesterday GETTY

CONSERVATIVES

Truss has yet to fill many posts in her Government

By Arj Singh
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

Liz Truss is still 55 frontbenchers short of filling all the Government posts used by Boris Johnson, having been forced to pause her ministerial reshuffle following the death of the Queen, *i* analysis has found.

Should Ms Truss want to replicate the make-up of her predecessor's front bench, she would need to give positions to a further nine Commons whips and 25 peers in the House of Lords.

The Prime Minister would also need to appoint another 21 junior ministers should she want the same size of team as Mr Johnson.

i understands that she may, however, choose to operate a slimmed-down ministerial team compared to that of her predecessor.

It came as the Institute for Government said that there were 64 vacant posts in Ms Truss's team, while acknowledging that the higher figure may be due to some ministers holding jobs

that straddle more than one Whitehall department.

i analysis suggests that only the Treasury, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Wales Office and the Law Officers have a full complement of ministers or frontbenchers.

Among the departments most short are the Home Office, which is down six ministers, the Department for Work and Pensions (down four), and the Ministry of Justice (down four).

i calculated the figures by comparing Mr Johnson's final administration with the appointments made by Ms Truss so far.

Ministers who have not had their appointments reconfirmed by Ms Truss do not automatically continue in the job, Downing Street has said.

But she is expected to both keep some ministers in post, while sacking others and bringing in new hires once her reshuffle continues after the Queen's state funeral on Monday. The Prime Minister's official

spokesman confirmed yesterday that not every role in Government has been filled, although the "vast majority" of the reshuffle was now complete, with all the Cabinet and senior roles filled.

The last appointments were approved by the Queen on Wednesday, a day before her death.

Most were announced on Thursday, although extra appointments have since been confirmed.

These include the appointment of Lee Rowley, who led the campaign of Ms Truss's rival for the Tory leadership, Kemi Badenoch, as a Levelling Up minister.

Jonathan Gullis, the former teacher and Stoke-on-Trent North MP who is at the vanguard of the 2019 intake of so-called Red Wall Tory MPs, was promoted to the Department of Education.

Felicity Buchan, the MP for Kensington, was also handed a first ministerial job as Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury.

Veteran Tory Craig Whittaker was made Deputy Chief Whip.

fears it could signal a shift towards a more American style of government with political appointees running the Civil Service.

But after Boris Johnson's failure to deliver on the most radical parts of his own plan, it may be understandable that Ms Truss wants to rewire the state as quickly as possible.

It is a high-risk approach, which risks undermining the impartiality of the Civil Service. But if it pays off, then the new Prime Minister will be the first for years to successfully implement the policies which she was selected to put in place. She will feel that the howls of protest are a price worth paying.

principal private secretary are all being replaced.

The move, which went under the radar in light of the Queen's death a couple of days later, is a chance for Ms Truss to ensure her top mandarins are hand-picked for their ability to deliver her specific policy agenda.

It has been heavily criticised by Whitehall veterans: former cabinet secretary Lord Butler said that "the politicians are beginning to forget the constitution", and there are

Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR



Within hours of taking over as Prime Minister, Liz Truss moved to stamp her authority on the Government by removing a handful of senior civil servants.

The permanent secretary to the Treasury, national security adviser and Prime Minister's

POLITICS

Kwarteng to make statement on energy bills next week

By Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR

The Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, is set to make his first economic intervention three days after the Queen's state funeral as officials continue to draw up details of the Government's energy support package.

Next Thursday, 22 September, has been pencilled in by officials as the most likely date for Mr Kwarteng's fiscal statement to the House of Commons.

Liz Truss is expected to travel to New York for the UN General Assembly shortly after the funeral, and government insiders have ruled out holding the fiscal statement while she is out of the country.

From 23 September, Parliament is scheduled to go on recess while Labour

and the Conservatives hold their annual party conferences. That leaves a small window for the Chancellor to announce his plans to cut corporation tax and scrap the rise in national insurance, as well as revealing the estimated cost of the energy bills guarantee unveiled by Ms Truss last week.

No 10 says that the plan to freeze household energy bills at an average of £2,500 a year will come into force on 1 October as planned, despite the national mourning period having delayed some Government business.

But details of how companies will be subsidised to keep customer bills down, and when that support will come into effect, are still unclear.

Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies yesterday criticised the "totally untariffed" package.

£2,500

Average amount at which the Government plans to freeze household energy bills

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UKRAINE

Kyiv claims it has pushed Russian

By Elena Becatoros and Hanna Arhirova

Ukraine claimed yesterday that it took several more villages, pushing Russian forces right back to the north-eastern border, as part of a lightning counteroffensive that forced Moscow to withdraw troops from some areas in recent days.

After months of little discernible movement on the battlefield, Kyiv's sudden momentum has lifted Ukrainian morale and provoked outrage in Russia and even some rare public criticism of President Vladimir Putin's war. As Ukrainian flags began to flutter over one city emerging from Russian occupation, a local leader alleged the Kremlin's troops had committed atrocities against civilians there.

"In some areas of the front, our defenders reached the state border with the Russian Federation," said Oleh Syniehubov, the governor of the north-eastern Kharkiv region. Over the weekend, the Russian defence ministry said troops would be pulled from two areas to regroup in the eastern region of Donetsk.

There were reports of chaos as Russian troops pulled out in haste.

"The Russians were here in the morning. Then at noon, they suddenly started shouting and began to run away, charging off in tanks and armoured vehicles," Dmytro Hrushchenko, a resident of recently-liberated Zaliznychnye, a small town near the eastern front line, told Sky News.

It was not yet clear if the Ukrainian blitz could signal a turning point in the war – though some analysts



A Ukrainian soldier stands on a captured Russian howitzer

suggested it might be while also cautioning there would probably be fighting for months more.

Still, the mood was jubilant across the country. The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine said yesterday that its troops had liberated more than 20 settlements within the past day. In recent days, Kyiv's forces have captured territory at least the size of Greater London, according to the Ministry of Defence.

In Kharkiv, authorities hailed some return to normality, noting that power and water had been restored to about 80 per cent of the region's population following Russian attacks on infrastructure.

"You are heroes!!!" wrote Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov early in the morning on Telegram, referring to those restoring utilities in Ukraine's second-biggest city. "Thanks to everyone who did everything possible on this most difficult night for Kharkiv to normalise the life of the city as soon as possible."

The buoyant mood was also captured by a defiant President Volodymyr Zelensky on social media late Sunday.

"Do you still think you can intimidate, break us, force us to make concessions?" Mr Zelensky asked. "Cold, hunger, darkness and thirst for us are not as scary and deadly as your 'friendship' and brotherhood."

In the end, he exclaimed: "We will be with gas, lights, water and food and WITHOUT you!"

Meanwhile, in Russia, there were some signs of disarray as Russian military bloggers and patriotic commentators chastised the Kremlin for failing to mobilise more forces and take stronger action against Ukraine. Russia has continuously stopped short of calling its invasion of Ukraine a war. Instead of a mass mobilisation that could spur civil discontent and protest, it has relied on a limited contingent of volunteers.

Ramzan Kadyrov, the Moscow-backed leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, publicly criticised the Russian defence ministry for what he called "mistakes" that made the Ukrainian blitz possible.

Even more notably, such criticism seeped on to state-controlled Russian TV.



Ukraine's presidential office said yesterday that at least four civilians were killed and 11 others were wounded in Russian attacks. The UN Human Rights Office said last week that **5,767 civilians were killed so far.**



Analysis

This progress is good news, but there's a long way to go

Michael Day

CHIEF FOREIGN COMMENTATOR



Sunday was the day that the Kremlin had earmarked for sham referendums in the illegally held Ukrainian regions of Zaporizhzhya, Kherson, Luhansk and Donetsk – a clumsy effort to convince the world that their subjugated populations wanted to become part of Russia. Instead, the polls were cancelled, as Russian forces suffered their most humiliating defeats since their retreat from Kyiv.

Ukraine said yesterday that its troops had liberated more than 20 towns and villages within the past 24 hours in its major offensive in the north-east of the country. Such lightning advances have led some observers to start



speculating that victory for Ukraine is now possible.

The significance of Ukraine's military victories has been felt in Russian society, with criticism of its losses even erupting on state-controlled television. "People who convinced Putin that the operation would be fast and effective really set up all of us," a former MP, Boris Nadezhdin, declared on a talk show.

Ramzan Kadyrov (inset), the Moscow-backed leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, publicly criticised the defence ministry for what he called "mistakes" that made the Ukrainian advances possible. But such reactions underline how the conflict could be entering a dangerous new phase even as Ukraine celebrates its morale-boosting victories.

The chaotic and varied response in Russia yesterday to the military rout that it suffered

at the weekend suggests that for now, the Kremlin has not told broadcasters what to say because it is not sure how to react.

It is possible that Mr Putin will declare war officially and trigger a full mobilisation, something that might spur civil discontent and protest. Some fear, however, that a cornered President may resort to desperate measures – an "accidental" nuclear radiation leak at the Zaporizhzhya plant or even a battlefield nuclear strike.

We have to hope that the obvious truth – that such tactics would further undermine his regime – will stay his hand. Mr Putin could sue for peace. But with Ukraine now gaining the upper hand, Kyiv is unlikely to stop now when Moscow still holds a fifth of Ukraine.

Brian Whitmore, an analyst at a US foreign affairs think-tank, the Atlantic Council, says the advances in Kharkiv "suggest that a Ukrainian victory is genuinely possible", adding: "We aren't there yet, but the once-fanciful prospect of a Ukrainian victory looks increasingly realistic."

But exactly how that will happen – and how quickly – remains anyone's guess.

RUSSIA

Backlash against Putin grows after reverse in Kharkiv region

By Dean Kirby

INVESTIGATIONS CORRESPONDENT

Vladimir Putin is facing calls from within Russia for his removal in an unprecedented backlash, after his army suffered its biggest defeat in battle since the invasion of Ukraine began in February.

Municipal deputies in 18 districts of Moscow and St Petersburg are reported to have signed a statement warning that the President's actions were "detrimental to the future of Russia and its citizens".

The Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, a staunch Kremlin loyalist, has also criticised the army's performance in a humiliating message on the online service Telegram.

"If changes are not made, I will be

forced to go to the country's leadership to explain to them the situation on the ground," he said.

It comes after Ukraine's counter-offensive in the eastern Kharkiv region, in which it regained huge swathes of territory and Russian troops abandoned their positions, leaving behind more than 100 fighting vehicles.

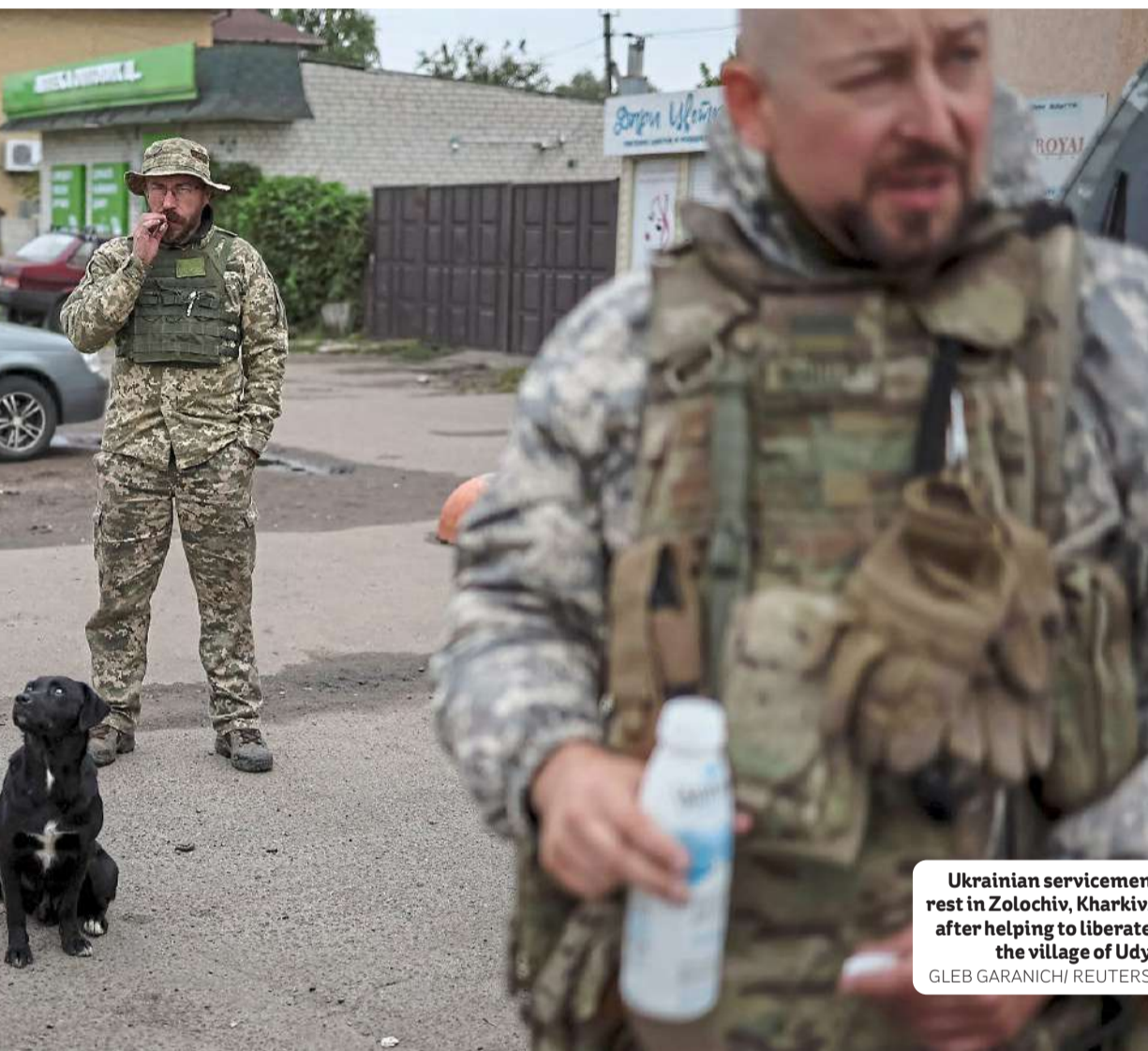
Ukrainian soldiers have driven Mr Putin's troops all the way back to the Russian border in the north-east.

According to the *Moscow Times*, the Moscow and St Petersburg deputies are at risk of punishment under laws that ban anti-war dissent.

Dozens of journalists, lawyers and activists have been arrested for speaking out against the war.

The petition, which i has been un-

troops back to north-east border



Ukrainian servicemen rest in Zolochiv, Kharkiv, after helping to liberate the village of Udy
GLEB GARANICH/REUTERS

MILITARY

Kremlin still talks of 'success' amid losses

By Mark Trevelyan

The Kremlin insisted yesterday that Russia would achieve its military goals in Ukraine, in its first public response to dramatic Ukrainian gains on the battlefield.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to answer directly, when asked by a reporter if President Vladimir Putin had confidence in his military leadership, replying that the "special operation" would continue until it had achieved its objectives.

"The military operation continues," Mr Peskov said. "And it will continue until the goals that were originally set are achieved."

"Of course, any actions of the military that they perform as part of the special operation are reported to the Supreme Commander," Mr Peskov said, referring to Mr Putin (*inset*).

"The President is in round-the-clock communication with the Minister of Defence and with all military commanders. It cannot be otherwise during the special military operation."

It was the first reaction from the

Kremlin to a Ukrainian offensive last week in which Kyiv says it recaptured more than 1,160 sq miles of territory in the space of just a few days.

Asked if Mr Putin would order a general mobilisation in response to Ukraine, Mr Peskov referred the question to the defence ministry.

So far Mr Putin has not resorted to mobilising Russia's reserves, who number around two million men with recent military service.

Mr Peskov also said Russia saw no prospect of peace talks with Ukraine, or grounds for such talks.

He said there were no discussions taking place about the possible demilitarisation of the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant – one of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) key recommendations from its visit to the plant this month.

The swift Ukrainian gains in Kharkiv region have left Moscow facing its most serious defeat since being driven back from the outskirts of the capital Kyiv in April. The advance has deprived Russia of vital logistics hubs it had used to supply its forces in eastern Ukraine.



TACTICS

Ukraine has 'turned the tide' but the war will 'continue into next year'

By Taz Ali

Ukrainian fighters have pushed Russian forces out of occupied areas in eastern Ukraine.

Russia pulled back its troops from areas in the Kharkiv region, creating a shift in the war that has boosted morale for Kyiv.

But for Russia, this is yet another humiliating defeat after its military tried, and failed, to capture Kyiv early on in the war.

It has provoked anger in Russia, where even pro-Kremlin military bloggers have chastised the Russian regime for failing to mobilise more forces and take stronger action against Ukraine.

"Ukraine has turned the tide of this war in its favour," the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War (ISW) said.

But it warned Ukraine's current counter-offensive will not end the war, which it predicts will stretch into next year.

Is Russia losing?

At the start of the war in

able to independently verify, was shared on social media by Ksenia Torstrem, who is said to be a deputy for St Petersburg.

It reportedly reads: "We demand the resignation of Vladimir Putin from the position of president of the Russian federation." It follows reports that deputies from the Smolninskoye municipality in St Petersburg published a request on 7 September for the Russian parliament to accuse Mr Putin of high treason. Two days later, an appeal appeared on the website of the Moscow district of Lomonosovsky demanding that he resign.

Ukraine claims to have killed around a dozen Russian generals during the course of the war.

As its forces advanced across swathes of territory over the weekend, videos emerged of their claimed capture of Lieutenant-General Andrei Sychevoi – the commander of Russia's western forces group.

More than 48,000 Russian soldiers have died in six months of fighting, according to an analysis of compensation payments to families, compared with 14,400 in the Soviet Union's decade-long war in Afghanistan in the 80s.

The Donbas separatists' Vostok battalion commander, Aleksander Khodakovskiy, is also reported to have said in a Telegram channel that pro-Russian soldiers were being put through a "meat grinder", adding: "If this approach is maintained, Russia will be overwhelmed by a wave of funeral notices."

Mr Putin is also facing criticism from pro-war Russian bloggers and commentators.

Edward Arnold, a European security research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London, told *i*: "In the face of Ukrainian advances, Lieutenant General Roman Berdnikov has been fired just 16 days after taking command, which suggests the relationship between the political and military leadership is starting to break down."

He added: "Both Igor Girkin, an influential commander in the 2014 annexation of Crimea, and Ramzan Kadyrov, the head of the Chechen republic, have called for answers from Moscow on the direction of Russia's 'special military operation'."

"The fact that commentators are discussing this both outside and within Russia is significant in itself."

48,000

Number of Russian soldiers estimated to have been killed in Ukraine since February



Destroyed by the war: A maternity hospital in Kramatorsk, Donetsk

February, Russia sought to justify its actions by claiming it was to achieve the "demilitarisation and denazification" of Ukraine.

This changed in April when the deputy commander of Russia's central military district, Rustam Minnekayev, said Russia plans to take full control of the Donbas and southern Ukraine as it entered the second phase of what it calls its special military operation.

This was further clarified when, on 29 June, Russian President Vladimir Putin said the "overall goal" of the war in Ukraine was to "liberate Donbas".

With Russian troops withdrawing from the Kharkiv area, and similar success for Ukrainian troops in the south near Kherson, it seems Russia has been thwarted from achieving its target.

This is on top of suffering heavy losses, with military correspondent David Axe writing in *Forbes* that the Russian army is losing "a battalion's worth of vehicles and men a day" – equating to hundreds of casualties and "scores of vehicle write-offs every day".

Ukraine said that its counter-offensive in the east began at the end of last month, and according to its officials more than 5,800 Russian troops stationed in the country have been killed since 29 August.

Opinion

Quote of the day



That was the flattest, twee-est, most boring thing we've ever done

Mel Giedroyc

The presenter's initial thoughts after filming the first series of 'The Great British Bake Off'

The Opinion Matrix

COMMENT FROM HOME AND ABROAD

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS



Clear policy solutions are called for

The Daily Telegraph

The coming months are going to bring great adversity and it is going to feel as though we are living through a succession of Black Wednesdays. This is the time to set out the right path for policy – and to well and truly stick to it. (Roger Bootle)

The Spectator

Monthly GDP sits just 1.1 per cent above its pre-Covid levels: a reminder that promises of a great economic boom after the pandemic fizzled out before it really even arrived. There's still a long way to go if we are to make up for years of lost growth and prosperity. (Kate Andrews)

POLICING CONCERNS



Toxic culture needs media scrutiny

The Guardian

The persistent defending of the indefensible at the highest level has had a ripple effect on policing, implying a blanket authority for rank-and-file officers to behave as they please, knowing they have the backing of leaders. All this does is cement the toxic culture that all officers know exists across policing. The Met has fallen below acceptable standards. (Shabnam Chaudhri)

The Scotsman

A good professional relationship between police and press was essential but there would rightly always be healthy tensions. (Tom Wood)

MEMORIES OF HER MAJESTY



Keeping the late Queen's legacy alive

Daily Express

In the wake of budget constraints, the expense of sending me on royal tours became a subject of debate for the owners of the newspaper at the time. Luckily the situation came to the attention of Her Majesty. The discussion soon made its way back to my then employers. By the next day the company had relented and I was back on tour. (Richard Palmer)

Metro

I look forward to hopefully portraying the young Queen for years to come. She should never be forgotten. I feel it is my duty to keep the legacy of Her Majesty alive. (Harriet Ball)

WILLIAM AND HARRY



A hopeful show of unity by princes

The Times

Many estranged families come together for one thing only: to grieve after the shared loss of a loved one. As a country in mourning put its own divisions to one side in order to remember and pay tribute to the Queen, it was heartening to see the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex do the same, walking together outside Windsor Castle, flanked by their wives, to meet wellwishers. (Editorial)

Daily Mail

The question was whether this rare moment of unity promises anything more than mere symbolism. (Richard Kay)

UKRAINE'S SUCCESS



The tide may be turning in this war

The Independent

In Ukraine – where the continent's largest conflict since the Second World War had morphed into a brutal and seemingly hopeless war of attrition – the Ukrainian military appeared to spectacularly break that stalemate in a surprise counter-offensive in the country's north-east. (Bel Trew)

Daily Star

Putin must be put back in his box. Failure for him would be a disaster and would surely spell the end of his tyranny. There is doubtless a long way to go. But let's hope the tide is turning. (Editorial)

CLIMATE EMERGENCY



Truss has got her priorities all wrong

Daily Mirror

These appointments [such as Jacob Rees-Mogg], combined with Truss's decision to end the fracking ban and give the go-ahead for North Sea oil drilling, say all you need to know about her commitments to climate, animal welfare and the cost of living crisis. They will do nothing to help lower energy bills. Terrifyingly, they will fuel climate chaos. (Nada Farhoud)

The Conversation

Words matter. It's vital terms like "crisis" and "calamity" don't become rhetorical devices devoid of real content as we argue about what climate action to take. (Noel Castree)

Life In Brief

MARSHA HUNT ACTRESS

Marsha Hunt, one of the last surviving actors from Hollywood's golden age of the 1930s and 1940s, who worked with stars ranging from Laurence Olivier to Andy Griffith in a career disrupted for a time by the Joseph McCarthy-era blacklist, has died at the age of 104.

Hunt, who appeared in more than 100 movies and TV shows, died at her home in Sherman Oaks, California.

A Chicago native, Hunt arrived in Hollywood in 1935 and over the next 15 years appeared in dozens of films such as the Preston Sturges comedy *Easy Living* and an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

By the early 1950s, she was enough of a star to appear on the cover of *Life* magazine and seemed set to thrive in the new medium of TV when suddenly "the work dried up", she recalled in 1996. The reason, she learned from her agent, was that the communist-hunting

publication *Red Channels* had revealed that she attended a peace conference in Stockholm and other supposedly suspicious gatherings.

Alongside Hollywood stars Lauren Bacall, Humphrey Bogart and Danny Kaye, Hunt also went to Washington in 1947 to protest at the House un-American activities committee, which was conducting a witch hunt for communists in the film industry.

"I'd made 54 movies in my first 16 years in Hollywood," Hunt said in 1996. "In the last 45 years, I've made eight. That shows what a blacklist can do to a career." So she focused on the theatre, where the blacklist was not observed, until she began occasionally getting film work again in the late 1950s.

Marcia Virginia Hunt (she changed the spelling of her first name later) was born in Chicago and grew up in New York City, the daughter of a lawyer-

insurance executive and a voice teacher. Slender and stylish, with a warm smile and large, expressive eyes, Hunt studied drama and worked as a model before making her film debut.

An early marriage to the director Jerry Hopper ended in divorce. In 1946 she married the film writer Robert Presnell Jr and they had one daughter, who died soon after her premature birth. Her husband died in 1986.

Hunt's first movie was 1935's *The Virginia Judge*. She went on to play demure roles in a series of films for Paramount, including *The Accusing Finger* and *Come on, Leathernecks!*, but was tired of "sweet young things" and begged for more substantial work.

She left Paramount for MGM around the time of *Gone with the Wind* and had lead or supporting roles in *These Glamour Girls*, *Flight Command* and *The Human Comedy*, among other films.



A lifelong political activist, Hunt had a brush with terror in 1962 when she took part in a forum on right-wing extremists and two other participants' homes were damaged by homemade bombs the same evening. Police were sent to guard her home.

More recently, she helped to create a refuge for the homeless in Los Angeles' Sherman Oaks, where she was feted with the title of honorary mayor. AP

Born 17 October 1917
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My View

Paul Waugh



Starmer's kingship problem

Labour has long accepted our constitutional monarchy

When the Speakers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons both paid generous tributes to King Charles yesterday, he appeared genuinely humbled by their words. But what was most striking was that the loyal addresses to the new monarch came from two former Labour MPs.

Thanks to a quirk of fate and timing, Lord McFall of Alcluith (a former Labour minister) and Sir Lindsay Hoyle (now officially an independent) are currently the two representatives of the Houses of Parliament at the start of this "Carolean age". Neither put a foot (or word) wrong during the historic ceremony and in the informal goodbyes afterwards the King made clear that he enjoyed their company.

Photos of the King and Sir Keir Starmer laughing together at their Buckingham Palace audience at the weekend told a similar story: Labour is relaxed, indeed happy, in the presence of royalty.

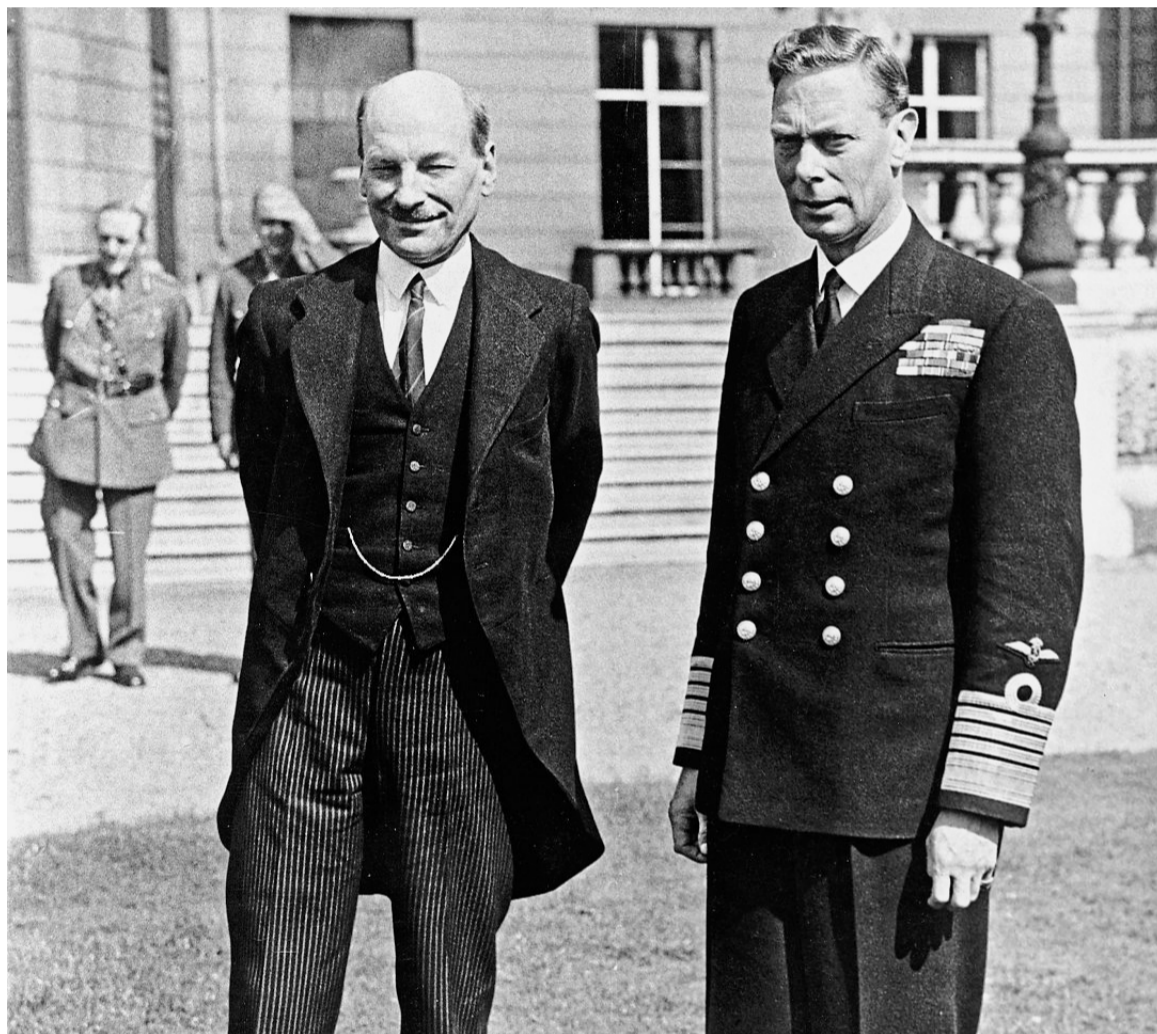
Among the minority of the public (27 per cent at last count) who want a republic, there may well be some bitter resentment that the main party of progressives appears to have once more "sold out" to "the Establishment".

Those who have seen the clip of Starmer joking in 2005 that it was funny being called a Queen's counsel – because "I often used to propose the abolition of the monarchy" – may also feel his latest position is yet another example of "careerism" similar to the way he ditched the left-wing manifesto that got him elected as Labour leader.

But that would be to seriously misunderstand the leader of His Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition (the clue is in the title), and his worldview. In fact, it was Charles who knighted Starmer in 2014 for his services to criminal justice as Director of Public Prosecutions.

During the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Starmer explained that his investiture was an occasion that his parents said was "the proudest day of their lives". Note that it wasn't the proudest day of his life to date, but he rammed home his main point that "for the son of a toolmaker and a nurse growing up in a town just outside the M25, being invited to Buckingham Palace to receive a knighthood was never really in the script".

That personal story of social mobility, of a "working-class boy made good", often lost amid the jibes



Clement Attlee, a Labour prime minister under George VI, believed that monarchy was a bulwark against extremism

that he is the embodiment of a north London metropolitan elite, is one of his key political assets, aides believe. Although Starmer prefers not to use his "Sir" title, that's not out of some cultural cringe but more about not wanting to put a barrier between himself and the public.

His heartfelt, emotional tribute to the late Queen last week, describing her as the country's " stillest point, its greatest comfort", was one that both his own late parents would have fully appreciated. Crucially, his speech was more than a lament for a much-loved monarch: it was a paean to constitutional monarchy itself.

Indeed, I'm told that Starmer sees himself as sitting firmly in the pro-monarchy tradition of his party that has been exemplified ever since Clement Attlee was Prime Minister. In recent days Labour MPs have been sharing the 1959 essay by Attlee, entitled "The Role of the Monarchy". He foreshadowed Blair with his belief that monarchies

are "immeasurably reinforced by the attachment of the people" (and was aware that King George IV, and even Victoria at times, lacked that attachment).

Attlee was adamant that "the Labour Party has never been republican". This was partly because it was a bulwark against extremism. There was "far less danger under a constitutional monarchy of being carried away by a Hitler, a Mussolini or even a de Gaulle", he declared.

Six decades before Donald Trump and the storming of the

US Capitol, he added: "A British King making himself a dictator is unthinkable. But many thoughtful Americans would not deny that a President might do so."

Attlee also made plain that no monarch in the modern age would interfere in politics, pointing out that for socialists like himself "capitalism, not monarchy, was the enemy". He highlighted that the countries which had the "highest equality of well-being" – Norway, Sweden and Denmark – had constitutional monarchies.

One senior Labour figure tells me: "There is a good argument to be made that historically the Labour Party's inherent monarchism is the reason republicanism has never had much traction – it has nothing to latch on to. See also, Labour's anti-communism."

Even Jeremy Corbyn, for all his clear unease with the hereditary principle, never tried to change party policy. In the 2017 election, he said abolition of the monarchy

was "certainly not on my agenda". Although some tried to make much of his non-appearance at the Accession Council at the weekend, Corbyn did turn up to yesterday's event in Parliament. He also made a moving and authentic tribute to the Queen on her death.

So republicans, many of whom may still feel that the accession of Charles III will provide a new impetus for their cause, are left without a parliamentary vehicle for their movement.

Things could still change, of course, and there may well be some Labour members who make their views clear at the party's conference next month. But Starmer knows that the Conservatives cannot weaponise his own youthful jokes about the monarchy, because Liz Truss has said even more strident things as a teenager.

The sight of Charles sitting as King alongside his Queen Consort for the first time yesterday was another reminder of just how far he has come in popular affection since the death of Princess Diana in 1997. Back then, it was Tony Blair who was in his pomp, his "People's Princess" oratory filling the void left by what was seen as a cold, distant, monarchy.

Now, as the carpets of flowers outside Buckingham Palace are set to exceed those seen after Diana's death, some Conservatives think that a new mood is abroad. Some even think that whereas the New Labour government matched the public's desire for modernity 25 years ago, the Queen's passing has revealed a respect for tradition that is more in tune with conservatism with both a small and a large "c".

Yet any notion that the Tories will benefit from this moment is ill-placed simply because Labour has long accepted that our constitutional monarchy is part of the fabric of the nation. While it saw the need to modernise, it also saw the popularity of the institution itself.

The popularity of the principle of monarchy will be underscored this week when huge crowds queue in a very British fashion to see the Queen lying in state. That weight of numbers, not just the weight of history, is what will press heavily on all party leaders. And knowing how to count is the first rule of politics, after all.

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Even Jeremy Corbyn said abolition of the monarchy was 'certainly not on my agenda'



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My dad gave the Queen a biro

In the mid-1960s, my father's research laboratory was relocated from Cambridge to Somerset, with an official opening by the Queen. Most of the scientists were socialists and were not that impressed by the royal presence, so when an expensive fountain pen failed, the director said

to my father: "Lend her your biro, Ken." With just a flicker of a smile it was accepted and the first signature in the visitors' book made!

MIKE ROBINSON
EXETER

Always ready for laughter

Some years ago, I was invited to Balmoral and preached the sermon in Crathie Kirk on Sunday

morning. Afterwards I joined the Queen and members of the Royal Family for lunch.

The Queen was in good spirits and, having put me at my ease, I found myself asking: "Ma'am, did you hear about the minister visiting in an eye hospital?" No, she replied.

"The minister said to an elderly man, 'Cataract?' 'No,' he replied, 'Protestant.'" Laughter all

round, especially from the Queen.

BERNARD LODGE
BROOKFIELD,
RENFREWSHIRE

An unexpected royal gift

Watching *Countryfile* about the Queen's love of Balmoral and the remote Highlands of Scotland reminded me of a chance encounter (although at a distance) in about 1980.

We had connections with Raasay, a small island off Skye, and spent many happy times there. On this particular visit we decided to go for a picnic on a secluded beach. When we arrived we noticed another party round the bay and saw the Royal Yacht moored a little way off. The Queen and her party were just about to leave – we waved, she waved back. The security men scrutinised us closely. They left.

We walked round to the bay and found they had left a yellow plastic washing-up bowl which we procured. It turned out to be quite useful.

JEAN WILLIAMS
MYTHOLMROYD,
WEST YORKSHIRE

Dunt's summing up was spot on

I find that Ian Dunt's summing up of the Queen's reign the best possible (**i**, 12 September). It was absolutely spot-on, telling us a lot about ourselves and our Queen without sentimentality. Beautifully honest. The Queen would have appreciated it.

MARY EPKE
CHELTENHAM,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Coronation day recollections

I camped out in The Mall with a school friend for the Queen's coronation. We chose a site near a toilet and settled down for a wet and cold night.



i reader Ian Lyster camped out overnight to watch the coronation in 1953 but found his view was obscured

The next morning the Scouts came and stood in front of us, then the St John's people did likewise. Later the Guards did too, so though we had a front "seat", my photos all had people obscuring the images – very disappointing. It was worth it though.

IAN LYSER
ORMSKIRK,
LANCASHIRE

Epitome of a modern prince

Jon Summers is entitled to his opinion (*Your View*, 12 September) but in criticising Prince William being named as Prince of Wales, he is unfair and wrong.

Having lived in Anglesey, served in the Armed Forces and worked as a search-and-rescue pilot, William is the epitome of all one could wish for in a modern prince.

Also, he is clearly not afraid of hard work, has shown he is kind, compassionate and charitable, plus a devoted husband and father.

Rather than criticise William, the Prince of Wales, think of the positive benefits the role brings – and with

Prince William and his wife, double them. It is also rather churlish to attack someone currently in mourning who can't answer back. The beauty of monarchy over republicanism is continuity, certainty and, with these, security.

C FLETCHER
BASILDON, ESSEX

MPs should get back to work

I was very surprised to read that government business would be suspended until after the Queen's funeral, if not longer. This is ridiculous when Parliament has just had a summer break plus a period of limbo to appoint a new prime minister.

There are so many problems facing the country, not least the energy crisis. Surely it would behave Parliament to continue its duties, as exemplified by the Queen herself who carried on, with great fortitude, to the end.

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Is the UK numb to police killings of black people?

SOCIETY

Micha Frazer-Carroll



On Saturday afternoon, hundreds of mourners weaved their way around Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. Spotting the gathering during its rolling coverage following the Queen's death, Sky News slowly panned across the crowd as a newsreader described "thousands of people still arriving to pay their respects to the Queen".

But the droves of people had not come together to mark the death of the 96-year-old monarch – they were protesting against the fatal shooting by police of an unarmed 24-year-old black man named Chris Kaba on Monday last week.

Sky may have since issued a correction, but black British

people have still taken this as a damning indictment of the British establishment's ambivalent response to yet another police killing of a black person.

In 2020, when 46-year-old George Floyd was murdered by a white police officer in the US city of Minneapolis, the UK press turned its attention to Britain's own issues with violent institutional racism. As the focus on racism extended from days, to weeks, to months, it felt as if our calls might finally have been heard.

Two years down the line, I am more cynical. The response outside black communities to Mr Kaba's death, even in the days before the Queen's passing, has been muted and slow. I noticed that I didn't even hear about the shooting – which is now being treated by the Independent Office for Police Conduct as a homicide – until a couple of days after it took place.

It wasn't that the story was not being reported on at all, but that it did not seem to be particularly high priority, or to have much "cut through", as journalists often put it.

The killing of any person by police officers should be of public interest, causing outrage and grief. Unfortunately, these deaths are

routinely normalised – we are told that those who die at the hands of the police, or in prisons, are "criminal", "thugs", "must have done something" to deserve it – and are therefore deemed unworthy of our attention.

However, we know by now that young black men, in particular, are disproportionately criminalised. They are 19 times more likely to be stopped and searched on Britain's streets and black people more broadly are more than twice as likely to die during or following contact with the police.

The public carries these racialised stereotypes too. The disproportionate public concern for white victims over black ones has even been immortalised in the phrase "missing white woman syndrome".

We also routinely underplay the extent of police violence in the UK, in part, because most officers do not carry guns. During a Black Lives Matter protest in London in 2017, following the death of Philando Castile in the US, I remember being pulled aside by an elderly person who insisted that this was not an issue in Britain.

On the contrary – there have been



Protesters march to Scotland Yard on Saturday after Chris Kaba, 24, was fatally shot in Streatham after a police pursuit

The killing of any person by police officers should be of public interest

killings in the UK too. There have been 1,833 deaths in or following police contact since 1990 in England and Wales, with "black, Asian and minoritised ethnicities" more likely to die disproportionately as a result of use of force or restraint by the police. We know of only two prosecutions for any of those deaths.

In recent days, I have been thinking about other black people killed by the police: Oladeji Omishore, Mark Duggan, Lamont Roper, Mohamud Mohammed Hassan, Rashan Charles. They are people whose full existence will not ever be clear to us because we have only known them in death. Headlines have slowly turned against them, reassuring us that we should not show them empathy, that we can be indifferent, that we can look away.

We should mourn them because they were people, because they deserved to live and because they have been forever deprived of the right to defend themselves. We must force ourselves to look at and name this injustice for what it is.

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Don't be indispensable at work – it's a terrible trap

EMPLOYMENT

Miranda Green



What wouldn't many of us give to have the unshakeable confidence of a Harrison Ford? Asked about the future of the Indiana Jones movies, maybe with someone else in the title role, the grizzled film actor reacted badly: "Don't you get it? I'm Indiana Jones. When I'm gone, he's gone. It's easy."

The line offers a nice mix of menace and derision – it's very Indy, in fact. But just as it's a really bad idea for ordinary mortals to try our hero's on-screen stunts at home, nor should we adopt the screen star's *après moi le déluge* schtick in the office. Because making yourself, or seeing yourself as, indispensable is a terrible trap.

The internet teems with advice on how to become "the person no one can live without!" An example pinged into my in-box the same day I was chuckling over the Harrison Ford interview. Like much in the career guru genre, it was promoting a strategy to deal with insecurity, both emotional and economic – after all, there's a lot of both about.

The key anecdote concerned the one person to keep their job when the rest of a department was canned. Well, none of us wants to get canned, so let's deal with the upsides first.

Most of the popular content on how to be indispensable tends to echo a few nuggets: volunteer for everything, clear up the messes that horrify your colleagues, and become the "go-to guy" – or gal – for solving problems for your bosses.

Of course, these aren't terrible ideas. If you're trying to get noticed,



Making people dependent on you may seem clever, but it creates problems for you, your bosses and colleagues

taking on difficult tasks is a good plan. If you solve problems, you're useful around the place, and since they pay you, that's relevant (with luck it might also be rewarding).

But there are some serious downsides too – even the potential for a 360-degree disaster involving burnout for yourself and resentment from colleagues and bosses, as they realise that they have been manipulated into a state of dependency.

Unless it is the very start of your career, there is a horrible possibility that you are making it more difficult to develop or change your role: some of those listicles and blog posts might be more honest with the title "Five, six or even 17 ways to get stuck in a job you've outgrown". (Yes, I did find a list

of 17 – and if you get to the end of that one without realising it's all coming over a bit needy, you're in worse shape than me.)

"It can be a bit of a self-undermining thing to do," warns Monique Valcour, an executive coach who recognises the affliction: she has even seen cases where bosses sabotage someone's ability to move on or out of an organisation if they become too useful. So if you feel a thrill at overhearing your manager say you can't be spared to try something new, it is a definite red flag.

What about being known for your problem-solving? Yes it can be genuinely satisfying and foster loyalty. But "people can get caught up in the small-scale, less valuable

activities", says Valcour, "and you need to be able to zoom out and get that strategic focus."

Professional services firms are notorious for hiring a personality type dubbed Anxious Achievers. But Valcour sees many white-collar workers, even at very high levels, "fall into" the psychological trap of trying to make themselves indispensable for other reasons. "Maybe they are the sort of people who have a need for control, so they start to offload some of the jobs from their manager, who then becomes dependent," she says.

If you are so busy making like an octopus with all the tasks you've volunteered for, how can you decide what you actually want? How can you delegate or take a break if you haven't allowed your colleagues to understand your job and help you? A warning from Valcour: "Now you're one of those people with a Bluetooth headset on the sun-lounger still talking to the office." Congratulations!

As for leaders who want to be so indispensable that they don't bring on others who are capable of taking over – they can't be deemed a success, even as they exit humming: "You're gonna miss me when I'm gone." And should success in any normal enterprise be dependent on one person? It seems more like a management failure.

Like an ageing silverback gorilla, Ford was keen to see off young pretenders and his chest-beating succeeded – Chris Pratt, who was mentioned for the role, says he's now too scared. A new Indiana Jones film in production has the star still in the title role – no charming superannuated cameos for him.

But you and I need to put down the bullwhip and take off the hat. We aren't Indy and we aren't indispensable. Nor should we want to be – it could stop us having our own adventures.

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PEOPLE

'I feel a fraud,' says football pundit Kamara of speech apraxia struggle

By Anthony Cheng

Chris Kamara has spoken of feeling "a fraud" as a live broadcaster because of a condition that affects his speech.

The former footballer, 64, revealed in March that he had developed apraxia of speech, alongside an existing thyroid issue. While he left Sky Sports at the end of last season, Kamara continues to do other television work and a podcast for the BBC.

Asked on Steven Bartlett's *Diary of a CEO* podcast how life was for him at the moment, Kamara said: "Strange in terms of I feel a fraud now in terms of broadcasting - I don't bring to the table what I used to. So that's hard."

"I feel I'm doing these programmes and they're not getting the best of me, but they're tolerating me. That's how it feels."

"My life away from the screen couldn't be any better - grandkids, family, it's perfect."

Kamara said he initially intended to quit all television work at the end of last season before being urged not to. "I think it was the right time to leave Sky, I'd had a great innings," he added. "But BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 said 'no - you're Kammy, it doesn't matter'. And would you



Pundit Chris Kamara says it feels like 'someone is taking over my voice box' PA

believe it, I'm now doubly busy than what I was before.

"I'd like to thank all the people who have been persistent and said a 25 per cent Kammy is still better than some people."

Kamara said his experience of apraxia was that "it feels like someone is taking over my voice box".

He said: "The voice that used to come out would come out at 300 miles per hour - you've seen me on the results and *Soccer Saturday*, motor mouth, not even waiting for a breath, just keep going."

"Now when I hear myself or see myself on TV, it's someone else. It's strange, it's really strange."

"Some days the message from the brain to the mouth is really slow, which makes it difficult, or some days the words come out different to what you're trying to say, and that's even weirder. That's been hard to accept, and still hard to accept."

Kamara has been undergoing various treatments and said: "I've just been introduced to the best neurologist in America, and he said because I have good days, there's no reason why I can't be cured."

"So I've sent off a load of blood tests and everything to America, and I'm just waiting on the results."

CRIME

Olivia police search golf club for guns

Police are searching a golf club in the hunt for the guns that killed nine-year-old Olivia Pratt Korbel in a botched gangland hit in Liverpool.

Underwater divers, search officers and a drone unit were sent to trawl the area around West Derby Golf Club yesterday.

Olivia was shot dead by a masked hitman chasing his target, 35-year-old Joseph Nee, into her home three weeks ago. Nine people have been arrested so far but no one has been charged.

TRANSPORT

Power cut causes Tube shutdown

Parts of the London Underground were brought to a standstill by a power cut yesterday.

The Piccadilly and Victoria lines were halted from around 8.30am, with stations evacuated and closed. They reopened two hours later.

Tube stations near Buckingham Palace are experiencing a surge in demand as thousands of people travel to London to pay their respects to the Queen.

POLICE

Firearms officer in Chris Kaba shooting case is suspended

By Nick Duffy

The firearms officer who shot dead an unarmed man as he sat in a car has been suspended by the Metropolitan Police amid an independent murder probe into the incident.

Father-to-be Chris Kaba, 24, was killed during a police stop in south London on 5 September.

The police watchdog has launched a murder investigation. Last night Scotland Yard said the unnamed officer involved had been suspended from duty "following careful consideration of a number of factors, including the significant impact on public confidence, and in light of the Independent Office for Police Conduct [IOPC]

announcing a homicide investigation." The decision was taken hours after new Metropolitan Police commissioner Sir Mark Rowley began work.

The officer had previously been removed from operational duties. Mr Kaba's family had called for their immediate suspension pending the outcome of the investigation.

Mr Kaba, who was due to get married in five months' time, was killed after the car he driving, which the IOPC said was not registered to him, was flagged by automatic number-plate recognition cameras in connection with a firearms incident. No firearms were found at the scene.

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PEOPLE

Fender cancels gigs for 'mental health'

Singer Sam Fender has cancelled a string of upcoming gigs, saying he needs time to look after his mental health.

The North Shields-born star, whose album *Seventeen Going Under* went to No 1 in the UK charts last year, has cancelled the remaining gigs of his US tour.

In a statement he said: "I've neglected myself for over a year now and haven't dealt with things that have deeply affected me."

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Concussion can affect teenagers' performance at school for a year

By Ella Pickover

Teenagers who have suffered concussion are at risk of performing worse at school for a year after their injury, a study has found.

Researchers called for more to be done to prevent head injuries after they found that pupils who had a concussion in the past year were more likely to have "poor academic standing".

The study, published in *Injury Prevention*, examined data on more than 10,700 teens across the US who were taking part in a study called the Youth Risk Behaviour Survey.

Among these secondary school pupils, 14.9 per cent had reported at least one sports or activity-related concussion in the past 12 months.

A concussion is a temporary brain injury which can last for a few weeks after a fall or bump.

Common signs of a concussion include loss of consciousness, dizziness, glazed look in the eyes, headache, amnesia, vomiting, memory problems and loss of focus.

Researchers from the University of Washington in Seattle then examined the academic performance of those who had a concussion in the last year compared with those who did not.

Overall, a large majority of adolescents (78.8 per cent) reported to be doing well at school.

The academics calculated that having at least one concussion in the past 12 months was associated with a

25 per cent higher risk of "poor academic standing".

The association was stronger among pupils who had repeated concussions which appeared to carry a 50 per cent higher risk of poor academic standing.

They found that the link varied slightly between those of different ethnicities.

"Having a history of concussion in the past 12 months was associated with poor academic standing during the same period, and this association was stronger with a history of repeated concussions," the authors wrote.

"History of concussion was significantly associated with poor academic standing and experiencing multiple concussions could be particularly harmful on student outcomes," they added.

"School-based injury prevention efforts, including promotion of helmet use, school screening for concussions and adherence to return-to-play and return-to-learn guidelines, to reduce multiple concussion in sports, particularly for racial and ethnic groups most affected, may prove beneficial to students with concussion."



There were **356,699** admissions to hospitals in the UK of patients with concussion or an acquired brain injury in 2019-20. This was a 12 per cent increase since 2005-6.

14.9%

The proportion of pupils who reported at least one sports or activity-related concussion in the past 12 months



Step into art ... and life in the Antarctic

Visitors at the Wigtown Book Festival will be able to experience life in the Antarctic in "Deception Island", an immersive arts and poetry project.

Elizabeth Lewis Williams, who was raised on Shetland and whose father was an Antarctic scientist, has created

the unusual attraction for the festival in Galloway which starts on 23 September.

Stepping into the replica (right) of an Antarctic refuge hut from the 1950s and 1960s, the audience will be transported back through storytelling, soundscapes, poetry and archive video.

Scientists like Williams' father spent many months in the winter darkness on Deception, a volcanic island in the Southern Ocean (above).

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HEALTH

Covid infection rates fall to 11-month low

By Ian Jones

Covid infections have dropped to their lowest level for nearly 11 months, though not all parts of the UK are showing a clear downward trend.

A total of 944,700 people in private households are estimated to have had coronavirus in the

week to 28 August, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said. This is the first time the figure has fallen below a million since the beginning of June. It is also the lowest UK-wide total since the week to 2 October last year, when the number stood at 942,600.

Infections hit 3.8 million in early July this year during the

spread of the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants of the virus, but have been on a broadly downward path in recent weeks.

At a national level, infections are continuing to fall in England and Wales while the trend is uncertain in Scotland and Northern Ireland, the ONS added yesterday.



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Dominoes

How to play All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 through to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?

1	3	4	0	3	2	6	0
4	3	2	0	6	4	3	4
0	0	2	5	2	4	5	5
2	6	6	1	4	3	0	1
6	1	0	6	6	3	5	1
0	5	5	1	5	4	2	4
1	6	2	3	1	2	5	3

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
6							
5							
4							
3							
2							
1							
0							

Journey Finder

How to play Move between the numbers in order 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, starting with the grey 1 and ending with the grey 4. On each step you may move one square in any direction (including diagonally). You must form a continuous path that visits every square exactly once.

1	1	3	3	4	1
4	2	2	4	1	2
3	1	4	2	1	3
2	3	2	2	3	4
2	3	1	2	3	4
4	1	3	4	1	4

Train Tracks

How to play Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.

2	1	1	2	3	7	5	5	
								2
								4
								5
								7
								2
								3
								1
								2

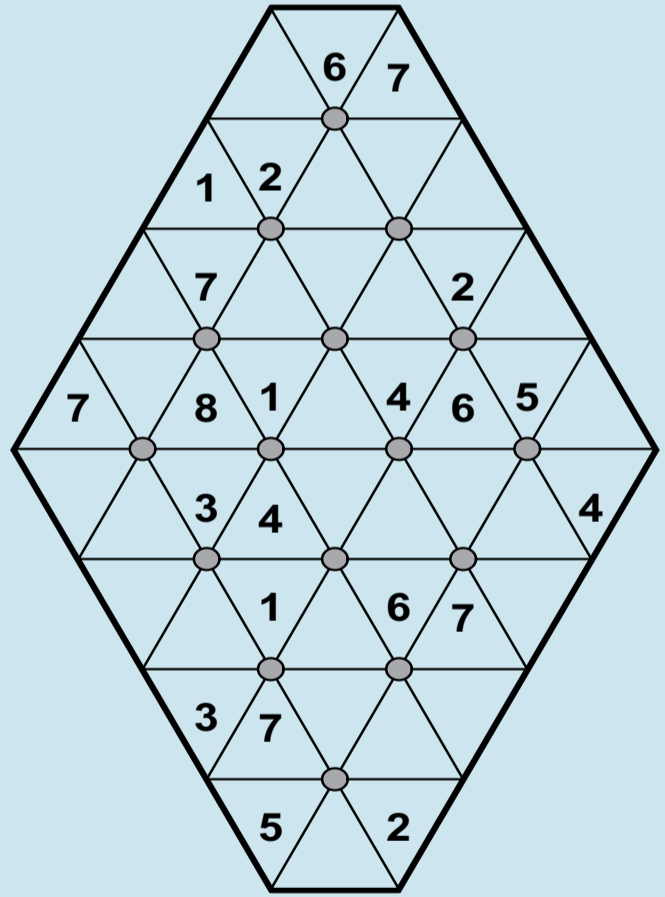
Binary

How to play Complete the grid so that each row and column contains five 0s and five 1s. The same number cannot appear in more than two consecutive squares in any row or column. In the finished puzzle, each row must have a different sequence of 0s and 1s to any other row, and likewise for each column.

	1			1				1	1
	1				0				1
	1					1			
								1	
						1	1		0
1				1					0
		0	1		0		0		
		0				0			1
0			1	1					

Number Hexagon

How to play Each hexagon is divided into six triangles. The sum of these six triangles is always 25. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty triangle to complete the puzzle; you cannot repeat a number within a hexagon.



Pathfinder

How to play Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you create a continuous path that visits every square once and spells out all the words listed to the right of the grid? Start on the shaded square.

H	S	E	D	E	P	I	T	N	E
R	S	A	L	I	W	A	T	E	C
U	E	O	P	N	E	L	L	R	S
B	S	U	S	A	U	G	A	F	R
T	A	R	E	R	D	I	A	R	E
N	W	U	C	E	O	R	N	E	C
Y	B	O	R	S	Y	R	S	O	R
C	Y	T	G	L	A	E	H	T	A
D	O	R	E	A	R	E	A	X	E
D	E	N	M	S	U	D	W	Y	L

Centipede
Cyborg
Guardian
Leather
Measured
Royal
Saline
Secure
Shrub
Sorcerers
Spouse
Tawny
Trodden
Waterfall
Waxy

Chain Link

How to play Place the numbers 1-6 in each row, column and along each series of squares linked by the chain.

	2				
	5	6	4	1	
	4			5	

Daily Quiz

- Which hymn written by English songwriter Sydney Carter in 1963 used the melody of the American Shaker song "Simple Gifts"?
- What is the name of the multinational brewery and pub chain based in Ellon, Scotland, which has been criticised for its sometimes controversial actions?
- Which children's TV series featured Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble and Grubb?
- Of the 260 true chalk streams around the globe, 224 of them run through which country?

Answers, page 52

Battleships

How to play Locate the position of each of the ships listed below in the grid. Numbers around the edge tell you the number of ship segments in each row and column of the puzzle. Ships are surrounded on all sides by water, including diagonally.

									5
									4
									3
									2
									1
									0
									2
									1
									1
									1

3	1	1	0	3	3	2	4	0	3
◀	■	■	▶			◀	▶	◀	▶
◀	■	▶	◀	■	▶	◀	■	■	■

Harissa-crumbed fish
with lentils and peppers



SERVES 4

2 x 200g pouches, cooked puy lentils
or 400g cooked
200g jar roasted red peppers,
drained and torn into chunks
50g black olives, roughly chopped
1 lemon, zested and cut into wedges
Rapeseed oil (to coat the pan)
4 x 140g cod fillets (or another
white fish)
100g fresh breadcrumbs
1tbsp harissa
½ small pack flat-leaf parsley, chopped

Heat oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas
mark 6 and spray or wipe your roasting
dish liberally with the rapeseed oil.

Mix the lentils, peppers, olives, lemon
zest and some seasoning and place in
the tin.

Top with the fish fillets and spray the
surface of each fillet with the oil spray.

Combine the breadcrumbs and harissa
and put a few spoonfuls on top of each
piece of fish.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until the fish
is cooked, the topping is crispy and the
lentils are hot.

Scatter with the parsley and squeeze
over the lemon wedges to serve.

Recipe from groovyfood.co.uk

Tomorrow

Double shallot Thai red curry
chicken noodle soup



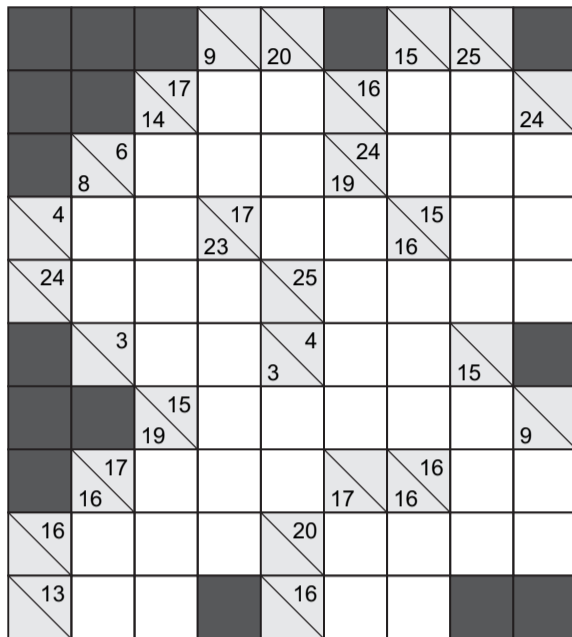
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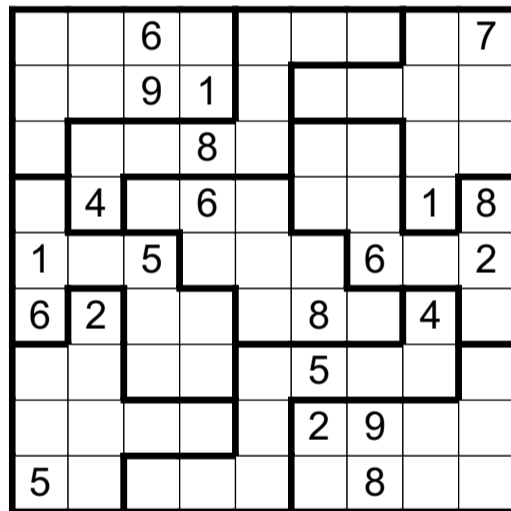
Kakuro

How to play Fill the white squares so that the total in each across or down run of cells matches the total at the start of that run. You must use the numbers from 1-9 only and cannot repeat a number in a run.



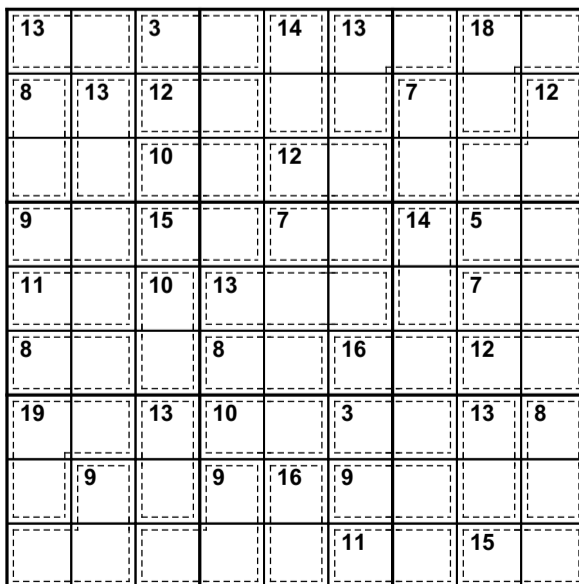
Jigsawdoku

How to play Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and bold-lined jigsaw region.



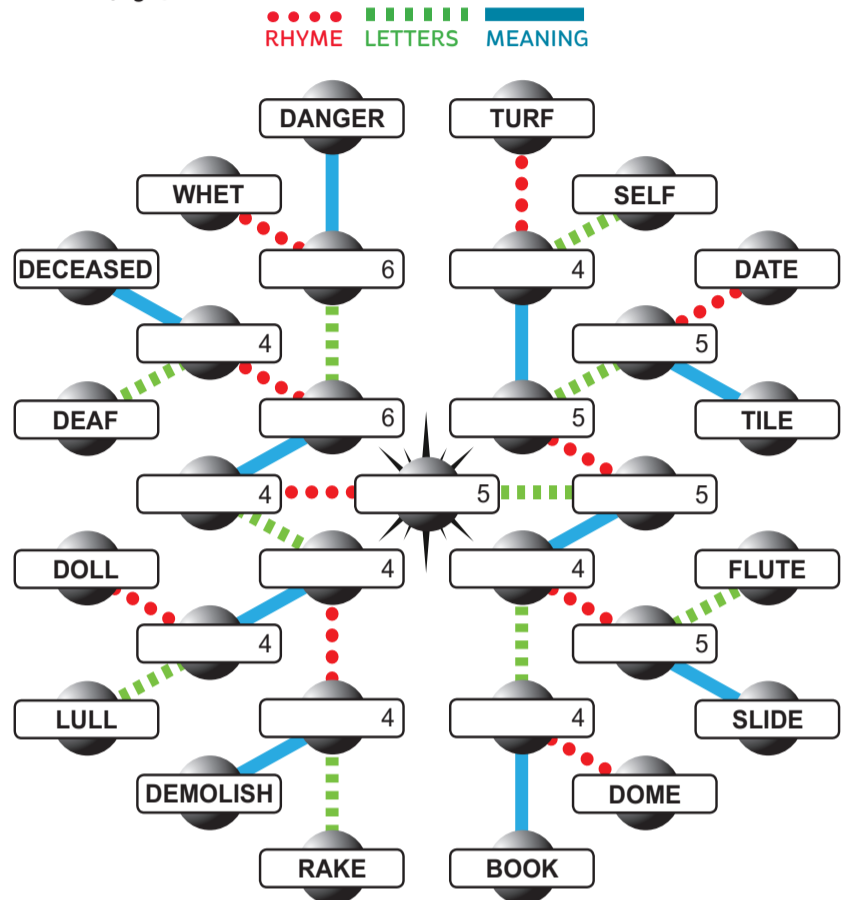
Killer Sudoku

How to play Each row, column and 3 by 3 box must contain each number (1 to 9) only once. The sum of all numbers contained in a dotted area must match the number printed in its top-left corner. No number can appear more than once in a dotted area.



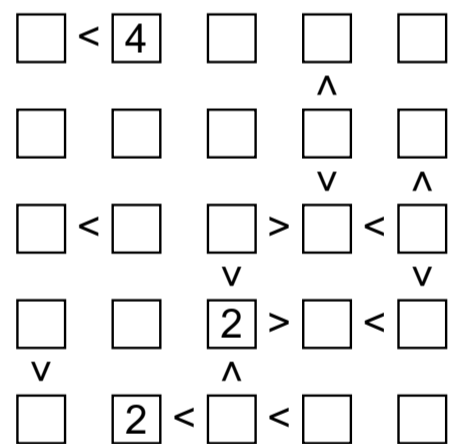
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Find the missing words by following the **RHYME**, **LETTERS** and **MEANING** links – eg, a word that **rhymes** with 'cheek', has one **letter** different from 'pear' and has the same **meaning** as mountain, would be 'peak'. Full rules at zygolex.com.
Solution, page 52



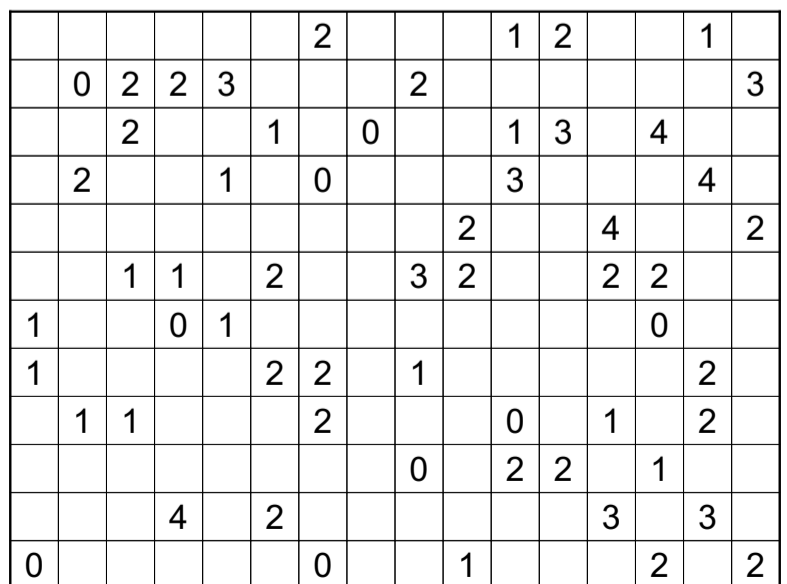
Futoshiki

How to play Place the numbers from 1-5 exactly once in each row and column. The greater than and less than signs ('>' and '<') indicate where one cell is greater/less than the adjacent cell indicated.



Minesweeper

How to play Find all the mines in the grid. Numbers in certain squares indicate how many mines there are in the neighbouring squares, including diagonally touching squares. Mines cannot be placed in squares with numbers.



Number Square

How to play Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Easier

7	-		x		-9
x		+		÷	
4	+		x		10
x		x		-	
	+		+		10
56		42		4	

Harder

	x		-		3
+		-		÷	
	-		÷		-1
x		x		-	
	x	7	x		224
48		-28		-5	

Codeword No 3361

How to play The numbers in the grid correspond to the letters of the alphabet. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key as you discover them. Three letters are provided to give you a start. The solution will be printed in tomorrow's paper, the solution to yesterday's codeword is on page 52.

5	3	2	6	2		15	10	25	23	6	2	7
2		4		24		25			10		9	
17		22		26		7		20	10	11	2	23
13	22	23	16	3	12	21	26		20		23	
10		22		23		2		5	16	25	7	21
17	2	26	3	6	25	16	2		2			22
4		2		26				7		6		6
2			7		13	16	22	5	8	22	6	14
17	22	23	26	7		22		17		17		23
	23		10		26	17	2	22	26	3	7	2
3	9	10	17	1		20		19		15		1
	3		14			2		16		10		2
15	16	3	7	26	2	17		7	18	25	22	20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13													
		I						V																	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26													
					W																				
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



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Word Ladder

How to play

Convert the word at the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of it, using only the four rungs in between. On each rung, you must put a valid four-letter word that is identical to the word above it, apart from a one-letter change. There may be more than one way of achieving this.

RANK
DUET

FIND
JOKE

idoku Exclusive to i

How to play Each numeral from 1 to 9 must appear (once only) in the squares forming the red letter i.

					9			7
		7	6					
		6		1		8		9
				9		5		
	5	3				4	6	
		1		2				
3		8		7		9		
					3	2		
1			9					

Sudoku Easier

5	1	8	6	3			4	
6		2			5			
	3				9		5	
1	6					3		
		9				4		
		5					2	1
	2		9				3	
			8			1		9
	5			6	4	2	8	7

Tomorrow: Harder

ABC Logic

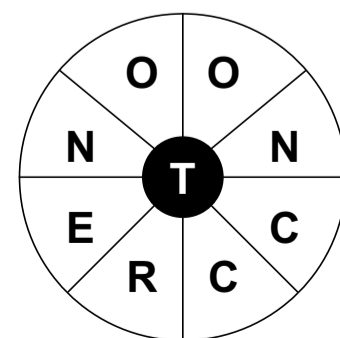
How to play

Place the letters A, B and C only once in each row and column. Each row and column has two blank cells. The letters at the edge of a row/column indicate which of the letters is the first/last to appear in that row/column.

	C	A		C
A				
C				
B				
C				
	B	C		A

Word Wheel

How to play This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 33, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?



Number Square, Word Ladder, Word Wheel, Kakuro, Minesweeper, ABC Logic, Killer Sudoku, Futoshiki, Codeword, Jigsawdoku and Wjuko created by Clarity Media. **For more puzzles, see clarity-media.co.uk**

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Concise Crossword No 3683

ACROSS

- Notch on an arrow (4)
- Require (4)
- Take the place of (8)
- Crustacean (4)
- Thickness (7)
- Change (5)
- Recount (7)
- Durable (5)
- Fit of temper (7)
- Pointed tooth (4)
- Oratory (8)
- Not as much (4)
- Bird's home (4)

DOWN

- Sick feeling (6)
- Trophy (3)
- Louse eggs (4)
- Splendid (9)
- Horse's foot part (7)
- Auctioneer's hammer (5)
- Jewish place of worship (9)
- Corpse (7)
- Outspoken (5)
- Attractively unusual (6)
- Painting, music, etc (4)
- A person (3)



Stuck on the concise crossword? For today's solutions, call **0905 789 3590**. Calls cost 80p per minute plus your network access charge. If you are having trouble accessing this number, please call our helpdesk on 0333 202 3390.



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	1		2			3		4				
					5						6	
7								8				
9			10				11					
						12						
			13									
	14										15	
16						17						
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19					20				21			
			22						23			

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword

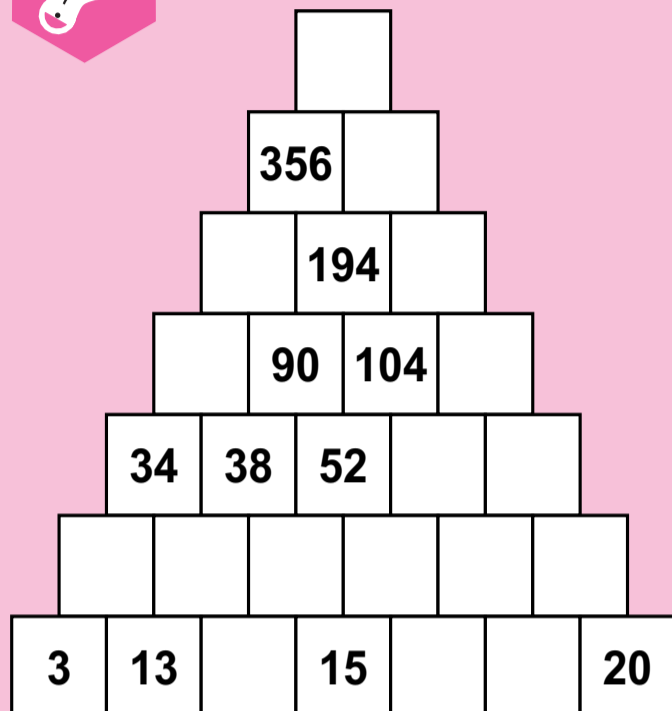
ACROSS 1 Pillow, 5 Reed (Pilloried), 8 Spigot, 9 Misery, 10 Soil, 11 Diameter, 13 Educational, 16 Martinet, 18 Sink, 19 Horrid, 21 Tragic, 22 Dyke, 23 Energy. **DOWN** 2 Improve, 3 Legal, 4 Withdrawn, 5 Ram, 6 Eastern, 7 Free, 12 Aristotle, 14 Utterly, 15 Landing, 17 Ahoy, 18 Spare, 20 Due.

Today's other puzzles Cryptic Crossword, page 37
Five-Clue Cryptic, page 16; One-Minute Wjuko, page 35
Puzzle solutions See pages 52-53

Children's Corner Number Tower



How to play The value of each square in the number pyramid is the sum of the two squares directly under it.



Knight's Tour

How to play A chess knight visits each square of the grid exactly once, starting at 1 and ending at 100 (these squares are shaded). Deduce the whole path of the knight - some of which is already given - and thus complete the grid. The knight moves either two squares horizontally followed by one square vertically, or two squares vertically followed by one square horizontally.

13	56		38					17	74
48			69	46					41
	12						42		18
36			83	70	53		91	72	
					92	81	78		
50		86	65	82		94			
59		63			88				20
34	7				25	100		28	1
		5	32	23	96	3			
		8			31		97		

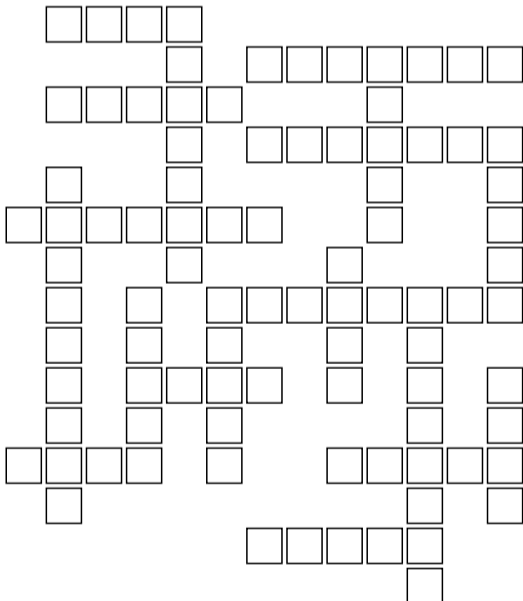
Rectangles

How to play Divide the grid into a series of rectangles or squares, such that every cell in the grid is in exactly one region. Numbers indicate the size of each region: for instance a "7" in a cell means that cell is part of a region that contains seven cells in total. There is only one number in each region.

2			5				3		
		4							
	9			15					
8							2	5	
	3		2						
				3					
			8	3					9
				3		8			
2						4	2		

Word Fit

How to play Can you fit all the words into the grid to complete the puzzle? Some words may initially fit in more than one place, but there is only one way to fit all the words together to complete the grid.



4 letters

Aids
Beam
Crew
Cups
Lime

5 letters

Drive
Dulls
Famed
Ghoul
Gulls
Would

7 letters

Conform
Falling
Lurkers
Silicon
Surgeon

8 letters

Exporter
Farewell

9 letters

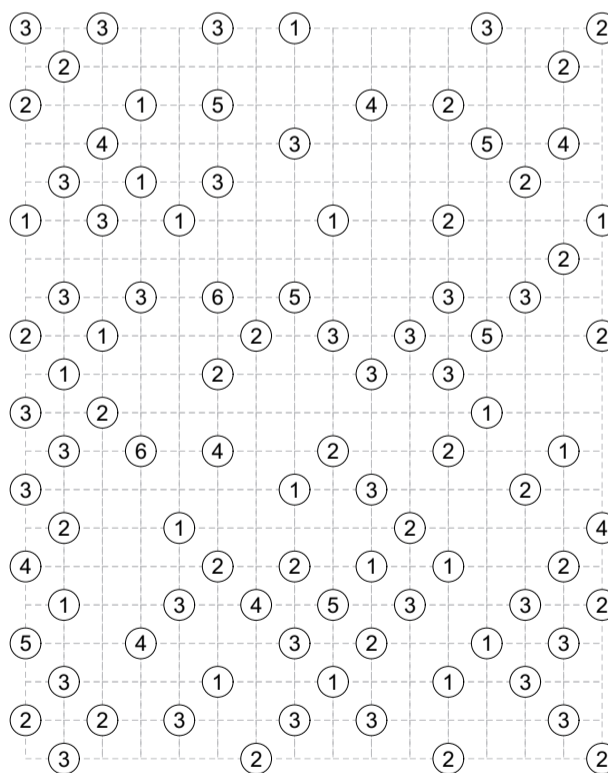
Monstrous

10 letters

Extinguish

Bridges

How to play Connect every island (represented by circles) into a single interconnected group. To do this draw bridges between islands. The number in each circle states how many bridges must be connected to that island. Bridges cannot cross each other, can only be drawn horizontally or vertically, and there can be a maximum of two bridges between any pair of islands.



Word Search

How to play The classic word-search puzzle: find all the words in the grid. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.

A	T	W	O	O	D	H	Y	K	O	X	K	V	O	T
H	U	R	R	W	E	A	D	I	A	V	W	B	T	Q
U	J	S	D	I	C	K	E	N	S	C	L	A	M	M
E	Y	O	T	S	L	O	T	G	I	H	G	B	I	W
V	K	Z	H	E	M	I	N	G	W	A	Y	T	Z	L
A	S	G	S	N	N	O	N	D	Q	U	W	Z	C	K
D	Q	M	A	H	S	I	R	G	N	C	Q	T	E	D
Z	F	O	R	Y	L	O	U	R	Q	E	M	A	S	L
W	M	L	N	W	J	P	N	Q	I	R	T	T	D	Q
B	V	N	O	N	H	W	A	B	Z	S	E	E	W	W
A	E	R	X	O	E	G	V	E	L	I	O	T	A	T
T	F	W	M	R	W	T	J	L	Q	C	C	N	N	E
J	S	E	C	Y	O	J	O	F	F	E	M	A	F	L
I	R	T	W	B	V	K	P	D	Q	O	L	D	V	H
Y	X	J	R	J	J	R	Q	V	Y	B	Z	R	C	I

ATWOOD
AUSTEN
BYRON
CHAUCER
DANTE
DICKENS
ELIOT
GRISHAM
HEMINGWAY
HOMER

JOHNSON
JOYCE
KEATS
KING
MORRISON
ROWLING
TENNYSON
TOLSTOY
TWIN
WOOLF

Word Square

How to play Simply answer the clues alongside the grid, writing the answers in the respective rows. The solution must read the same horizontally in each row as it does vertically in each column.

Extremities of the feet
Quartz-like gem
Simplicity
Slide violently (of a vehicle)

Calcudoku

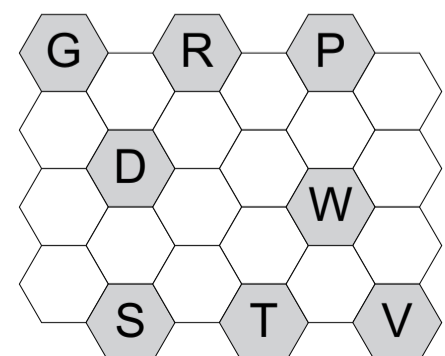
How to play Place the numbers 1-6 once in each row and column, obeying sums in bold-lined regions. The number in each region indicates the total for the region, and the symbol shows which type of operation should be applied to the numbers: addition, subtraction, division or multiplication. Numbers may repeat within bold-lined regions. With subtraction always take the lower numbers away from the highest number in a region, and with division divide the highest number by the lower numbers.

14+	8+		11+	3÷	
					11+
	10+	10+	10x		
8+				3x	
			30x		12x
13+			3÷		

Hexalex

How to play Place each of the letters below once into the empty hexagons, crossing them off as you do so. Enter the letters in such a way that it is possible to find all the words listed alongside the grid by moving from hexagon to adjacent hexagon to spell out each word.

A B C E F H I J K L M N O U Y Z



BAP
CHEF
COT
GULF
GUM
HENS
JIB
KEN
LIP
RIB
SHED
TOY
VOW
ZAP

Solutions: pages 52-53

Comment

Cost of living made me a sex worker because welfare system is broken

Rosie Hodsdon

When the cost of living is rising, and wages aren't filling the gaps, and government support isn't keeping up, more people are going to be in need of that income. And sex work becomes a way for people to get it.

I began sex working when I was living on student finance, and my partner was on universal credit, and we were just about making ends meet each month. It's a cliché to say that money can't buy happiness, but it can help you keep a roof over your head, your fridge stocked, your heating on in the winter.

It's easy to simplify our narratives into damaged victims, dangerous whores, or empowered women at the pinnacle of feminism. Most of us are none of these. It's not a question of force or choice. Most of us aren't forced into sex work by other people; we're forced into it by the economic and social circumstances we find ourselves in. At the same time, many of us wouldn't make sex work our first choice of income, but we make this choice as the best one for us within our lives and for our needs.

When I turn on the news and see headlines about the rising cost of... everything, I know this is going to lead to more people turning to the industry. We saw it during the recession in 2008, and during cuts to benefits and austerity measures, and during Covid, and it is only

It's a cliché to say that money can't buy happiness, but it can help you keep a roof over your head

going to continue. I'm not saying this to say that sex work, or sex workers, are inherently bad or wrong, but it is shameful that we live in a society where a lack of support means people are taking huge risks to earn what they need to survive.

During the pandemic, the greatest support for sex workers came from other sex workers. Organisations ran mutual aid funds, made grants to those in our community who were struggling and gave out supermarket vouchers to buy essential food and toiletries. I don't hope for a world where sex work is eradicated. I do hope for a world where the systemic barriers that keep people in sex work are removed.

This should include an improved system of welfare; a more humane immigration and asylum system; increased support for parents, carers, and those with disabilities; liberation from racism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism; an overhaul of student loans; decriminalisation of drugs; a stronger healthcare system; better housing provision, and more to tackle poverty and deprivation. I also hope for a world where sex worker stigma is erased, and the laws and policies which make us less safe are removed.

If, by some stroke of chance, you're reading this article and you're an MP, or in the civil service, please consider this my call to you to push for stronger support for those most in need. You have the power and privilege to change people's lives for the better, and your inaction is making them worse. If you're not, I urge you to keep fighting for this, to keep pushing for help, and to help yourselves and your communities if you can.

Rosie Hodsdon is an academic, activist and sex worker



Migrants rescued at sea

A group of people thought to be migrants are brought in to Dover, Kent, on-board a Border Force vessel (foreground) after

being intercepted in the Channel yesterday. The stretch of water is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. GARETH FULLER/PA

ENERGY

Households cut back on gas and electric use

By Madeleine Cuff
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

Households are starting to cut back on energy use amid soaring prices, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Electricity production fell by 4.4 per cent in July, the ONS said, as huge price increases and hot weather hit demand for power.

The statistics body said "anecdotal evidence" from the Government suggests people may have already cut back on electricity use in response to rising bills, with demand for power down 2.3 per cent in July compared to the same time last year.

Household energy prices jumped by 54 per cent in April under the energy price cap and are set to rise again in October, fuelled by a global shortage of gas.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests that there may be some signs of changes in consumer behaviour and lower demand in response," the ONS said.

Last week the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, announced a huge support package to tackle the energy price crisis, unveiling a £150bn plan to cap the average household energy bill at around £2,500 a year.

But that will leave energy bills around double the level of last winter.

Turning lights off, tweaking the thermostat, and using appliances on "eco" settings are some of the ways to save money on energy bills, according to the Energy Saving Trust.

ENERGY

Suppliers warn discounts too low

By Laurie Havelock

Energy suppliers have warned a plan to offer discounts on electricity bills for households that avoid peak-time energy use risks failing as the savings are too low.

National Grid ESO is consulting on a scheme where people can save cash if they avoid activities such as cooking, when demand is high.

But energy firms Octopus and E.On said proposed payments of 52p

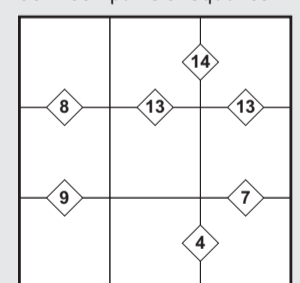
for each kilowatt-hour of electricity saved during peak times was too low.

Octopus Energy, which trialled National Grid ESO's proposals with 100,000 of its customers, said it would be "wrong to set a price before finding out what works for people".

A spokesperson for National Grid ESO said: "As with all other feedback we receive as part of this consultation we will consider this information before submitting our final design to the regulator Ofgem to approve."

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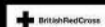
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Trump's Truth Social is the saddest site on the internet

Another View

Jemima Kelly



Too many things get called Orwellian these days. Poor George Orwell – a man who advised writers to “never use a metaphor, simile, or other figure of speech which you are used to seeing in print” – must be, to use another tired cliché, turning in his grave. But over on Truth Social, Donald Trump's Twitter-mimicking social media platform, it is hard to keep the bleak irony and doublespeak of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* from drifting into one's mind.

“Now that the FBI and DOJ have been caught in a massive and determinative Election Rigging Scam, are they going to change the results of the 2020 Presidential Election? They should!!!” the former president “Truthed” last Monday. He “ReTruthed” it (shared it again) on Tuesday.

The former president was kicked

off both Twitter and Facebook in the aftermath of the 6 January US Capitol riots. Now he is forced to share his thoughts and feelings in the form of these “Truths”, though with a 500-character limit – almost double the length of a tweet – he can be slightly more verbose and exclamative.

Trump's “Truths”, “ReTruths” and “Quote-Truths” appear not on a timeline or a news feed, but on a “Truth Feed” – no matter whether what he, or anyone else, is saying is actually true or not.

But things aren't going so well for the platform. This week it emerged that the blank-cheque company – or Spac – that was meant to merge with and give a \$1.3bn cash injection to the Trump Media & Technology Group, which runs Truth Social, has failed to get the financial backing for an extension to complete the deal.

Meanwhile, the platform has been barred from Google Play because of its failure to moderate violent content, and the US Patent and Trademark Office has denied Trump his application for a trademarking of “Truth Social”.

It has also been reported that the platform owes \$1.6m to RightForge, the company that hosts the website. Truth Social declined



Donald Trump on Truth Social does not resemble a formidable ex-president

to confirm or deny this report, instead telling me that “Truth Social is on strong financial footing” and that “any assertion to the contrary is knowingly false bar-talk maliciously designed to harm Truth Social investors”.

Still, in between “Truths” about the “Green New Deal Fake Infrastructure Bill” and “the latest Witch Hunt against me”, Trump took to the platform this week to try to encourage people to buy ads on it. These feel like sad, desperate times – for Trump and the platform.

Spending time on the site is an unpleasant experience. It seems to be a total rip-off of Twitter, but with a much lower budget and without some basic functionalities. When

you click on a “Truth”, for instance, you are unable to see whether or not you have already liked or “ReTruthed” it yourself, or whether anyone has “Quote-Truthed” it. There is also no direct-messaging capability on the app.

And while it sells itself as a “Big Tent” platform that is all about allowing for different viewpoints, there seems to be only one heard on the platform. The same hashtags trend frequently – #DefundTheFBI, #January6th, #IAMMAGA. It might be 2022, just two months before midterm elections that Republicans look likely to win, but you wouldn't know it over on Truth Social.

Trump only follows three

Spending time on the site is an unpleasant experience

accounts, two of which are official Truth Social ones and the other of which belongs to John Daly – a golfer and personal friend of the former president whose profile picture shows him sandwiched between two Hooters waitresses several decades his junior. Trump has just over four million followers on the platform. That compares to the almost ninety million he had on Twitter. His most popular “Truths” produce tens of thousands of engagements – a fraction of the 4.7m likes and shares he got for his 2020 “I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!” tweet.

Watching Trump's activity last Tuesday, on the day pictures from the FBI's raid of his Mar-a-Lago home were made public, felt like watching someone having a very public meltdown, with him plaintively asking at one point: “Why are people so mean?”

During a radio interview on Sunday, Trump's former communications director Anthony Scaramucci said that “something's eating” Trump. I rather get that impression too. The Trump you see on Truth Social seems less like a formidable former president energetically planning his comeback, and more like a rather pathetic, unhappy 76-year-old man, shouting into the wind.

If I might borrow again from Orwell: if you want a picture of a Trumpian future, imagine being stuck on Truth Social, seeing Trump's Truths and ReTruths popping up on your Truth Feed – forever.

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11 A noted architect? (5)
12 With fellow female wanting a stiff drink (4)
13 Knock setters, without a break (6)
15 Initially thrilled by His Excellency's firm, large erection (3,5)
16/8 Former PM, having ordered more soup, pigged out primarily (7,8)
18 President briefed on Japanese school in Berlin's 22 (7)
21 Just like Sean Connery, bed model back in small hotel (8)
23 Not a word used by those regularly flying to one Asian city (6)

- 24 On the rebound, have sex with boss? (4)
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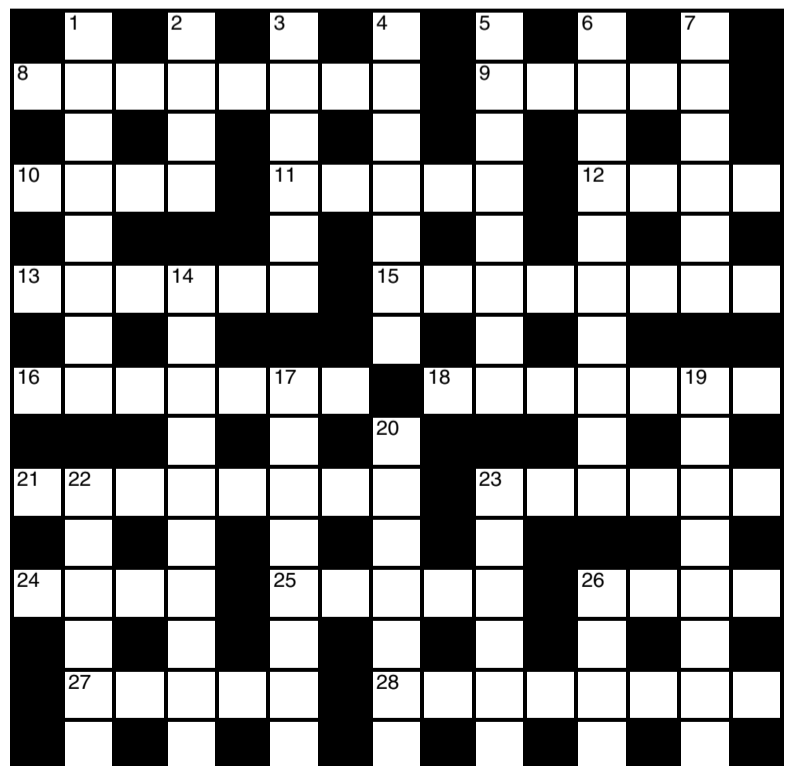
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- 1 Real supporter turns up in bed with 10, stupidly (4,4)
2 Car bound to have learner driver changing from top to bottom (4)
3 Assumes spat developed outside party (6)
4 Arab needs to remain in place in queue, said newspaper (7)
5 One reeks after changing oil (8)
6 Brainwave shaping the content of urban myth (4,6)
7 Very uncommunicative person in Tolstoy's terminology (6)

- 14 Shot Bill with the French revolvers (10)
17 Current first found in River Tyne, oddly backed up (8)
19 Intrepid Girl Friday contracted out (8)
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Picture of the day

Model Karlie Kloss walks the runway in a floral print dress, leading the finale of the Carolina Herrera spring-summer 2023 fashion show at New York Fashion Week
TAYLOR HILL/WIREIMAGE

Panorama

Around the world in 10 stories



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Seven die after earthquake

The death toll from a “significant” earthquake that struck Papua New Guinea has risen to seven, the Pacific island nation’s police commissioner said, adding that it occurred deep below ground which limited damage.

An initial earthquake of 7.6 magnitude struck the Markham Valley at 9.46am on Sunday, followed by a 5.0 magnitude earthquake 45 miles north an hour later.

The earthquakes were reported at 90km and 101km underground. REUTERS

MIDDLE EAST

Café for women thrives in Gaza

A Palestinian woman has realised her dream of becoming a chef in the male-dominated Gaza Strip where she heads an all-female staff looking after an all-female clientele.

The restaurant, Sabaia VIP, opened last month offering light meals and has done brisk business in a region where women complain of a lack private and safe leisure venues.

The chef, Amina Al-Hayek, trained at a hotel restaurant where she worked for free, but was never considered for positions for new chefs.

“The administration rejected me... they wanted a male chef, not a female,” Ms Hayek said. REUTERS

UNITED STATES

Bezos rocket launch aborted over Texas

By Marcia Dunn
IN CAPE CANAVERAL

Jeff Bezos’ rocket company, Blue Origin, suffered its first launch failure yesterday.

The rocket – carrying science experiments but no crew – veered off course over Texas

about a minute after lift-off. The capsule’s launch-abort system immediately lifted it away from the engine, and minutes later it parachuted on to the desert floor.

The rocket was travelling at nearly 700mph and at an altitude of about 28,000ft (8,500m) when the mishap occurred.

No video was shown of the propulsion module, only the capsule, after the failure.

It usually lands upright on the desert floor and then is recycled for future flights, so it most likely that did not happen this time. AP

Postcard From... Toukra

In a makeshift open-air classroom, dozens of children squeezed together on a mat and watched as their teacher chalked simple sums on a blackboard – a rare chance of education for their nomadic community in Chad.

Around 7 per cent of the central African nation’s 16 million population are nomads, who move hundreds of miles with their herds every year when seasonal rains turn semi-arid regions green.

It is a centuries-old way of life, but is but incompatible with Chad’s education system. According to the Copenhagen-

based International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, fewer than 1 per cent of nomad boys and “virtually zero” nomad girls were registered for school as of 2018.

Leonard Gamaigue, a teacher, was inspired to set up a mobile school when he saw children playing at a nomad camp in Toukra, outside the capital N’Djamena, during normal school hours in 2019.

Nearly three years on, his school – which follows the community when they move – has 69 pupils and basic supplies thanks to donations.

“They had never been to school before, none of them... today they can already write their name correctly, express themselves in French and do sums,” Mr Gamaigue said with pride. REUTERS

Mahamat Ramadane

DIPLOMACY

Xi and Putin to meet in Central Asia to build ties

By Guy Faulconbridge
and Yew Lun Tian

President Xi Jinping will leave China for the first time in more than two years for a trip this week to Central Asia where he will meet Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, just a month before he is set to cement his place as the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong.

The trip, Mr Xi’s first abroad since the start of the pandemic, shows he is confident about both his grip on power and about his role as a world leader at a time of renewed great power friction.

Against a backdrop of Russia’s



The trip is the first time Xi Jinping has left China since the pandemic

confrontation with the West over Ukraine, the crisis over Taiwan and a stuttering global economy,

Mr Xi is due on a state visit to Kazakhstan tomorrow.

China’s President will then meet Mr Putin at the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation’s summit in Samarkand in Uzbekistan.

Mr Putin’s foreign policy aide, Yuri Ushakov, said last week that the Russian President was expected to meet Mr Xi at the summit.

The meeting will give Mr Xi an opportunity to underscore his clout while Mr Putin can demonstrate Russia’s tilt towards Asia; both leaders can show their opposition to the United States just as the West seeks to punish Russia for the Ukraine war. REUTERS



A year of Picasso lined up

French Culture Minister Rima Abdul-Malak (right) with her Spanish counterpart, Miquel Iceta, in front of Pablo Picasso’s “Guernica” in Madrid yesterday, launching Picasso Year, a series of events over the next 12 months to mark 50 years since the artist’s death in 1973. AP

SWEDEN

Right-wing coalition in line to form government

By Johan Ahlander
and Niklas Pollard
IN STOCKHOLM

Sweden’s right bloc appeared in pole position yesterday to form a government for the first time in nearly a decade, helped by a wave of voter anger over gang violence which could give an anti-immigration populist party a share in power for the first time.

Sunday’s election remained too close to call yesterday with about 5 per cent of election districts yet to be counted, but early results gave right-wing parties 175 of the 349 seats in the Riksdag, one more than the left bloc.

Overseas postal ballots were still to be counted and while they have historically tended to favour the right, this means a full preliminary result is not due until tomorrow.

If the results are confirmed, Sweden, which has long prided itself on being a bastion of tolerance, will become less open to immigrants.

Political observers say Moderate Party leader Ulf Kristersson is most likely to become prime minister in a minority government supported by the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, who are poised to become the largest party on the right. REUTERS

SPAIN

Air passenger numbers up

Spanish airport passenger traffic in August almost reached pre-pandemic levels, airport operator Aena said.

More than 27.3 million people passed through Aena’s airports, 93 per cent of the number flying in Spain in August 2019.

Over 159 million passengers transited Spain’s airports this year. Aena thought traffic would be 75-85 per cent of 2019 levels. REUTERS

MALAYSIA

Ex-PM needs aid, says family

The daughter of former Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak called yesterday for “proper” medical care for her jailed father, three weeks into a 12-year sentence he is serving for corruption.

Malaysia’s top court last month rejected Najib’s appeal to set aside his conviction on graft and money laundering charges in a case linked to a multibillion-dollar scandal at state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB). AP

UNITED STATES

Three children found drowned

Three children were found dead on a New York City beach and police believe they were drowned by their mother.

A seven-year-old boy, a four-year-old girl and a three-month-old boy were found on Coney Island beach about 3am and taken to a nearby hospital where they were pronounced dead.

Their mother was found a short time later and taken into custody, police said. AP

HEALTH

'This can be life-changing for some women'

Off-prescription HRT should be just the start, say campaigners. By **Sarah Graham**

Women's health campaigners have had little to celebrate recently with the appointment of new Health Secretary Thérèse Coffey – who previously voted against extending access to abortion care, a move which the British Pregnancy Advisory Service called “deeply concerning”.

But one small win is the news that vaginal HRT (hormone replacement therapy) is now available over the counter.

From last week, Boots became the first pharmacy to make Gina 10 microgram vaginal tablets available without a prescription in the UK, after the product was reclassified by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) this year.

Headlines boldly proclaimed that HRT is to be sold over the counter, but it is important to note that the change only applies to one specific product, rather than to all forms of HRT.

Gina is a low-dose local oestrogen tablet, inserted into the vagina to treat vaginal and urinary symptoms of the menopause. “This is different from whole body, systemic HRT and, because it doesn't get absorbed into the whole body, doesn't have the same risk-benefit profile,” says Dr Philippa Kaye, GP and author of *The M Word: Everything You Need to Know About the Menopause*.

Gina treats what is called the genitourinary symptoms of the menopause, explains Dr Kaye (*inset*), which can include vulval and vaginal itching, soreness, dryness and pain, pain during sex, urinary urgency, and recurrent urinary tract infections.

“It can be absolutely life changing for some women. It's considered an extremely safe form of treatment, and the side effects are extremely low, so there are very few people who can't have it,” she adds.

For Dr Kaye, making Gina available without a prescription is a positive step to remove potential social and cultural barriers from women being able to access treatment, as well as helping to ease pressures on GPs like her.

Importantly, though, it will not be available for all patients, and it will not treat other symptoms such as hot flushes, night sweats,

or mental and cognitive issues caused by the menopause.

Who is able to buy the medication is also restricted: post-menopausal women over 50, who are affected by genitourinary symptoms and have not had a period for more than 12 months, will be able to buy the tablets following a consultation with a pharmacist.

During this consultation the pharmacist will assess the patient's suitability, as well as hopelessly picking up any red flags that should be checked out by their GP.

Younger and perimenopausal women will still need to see their GPs for a prescription, as will patients with a history of womb, breast or ovarian cancers and certain other conditions.

Boots plans to make it available to eligible customers in all its stores by the end of next month, selling packs of 24 tablets for £29.99. The tablets will launch in other pharmacies later this month, and will also be available to buy online. This will add an extra layer of convenience for people who might otherwise struggle to see their GP for a prescription – whether that is because of work, childcare commitments, stigma, embarrassment, or any other reason.

Diane Danzebrink, founder of the Make Menopause Matter campaign, says: “Making vaginal oestrogen available over the counter offers an additional option for those who might benefit

from it, and that's a good thing. Sadly, there are still people who find it difficult to go and talk to their GP about vulval and vaginal issues, for lots of different reasons, so this potentially provides an alternative option for them.”

But Danzebrink raises the issue of cost. “I don't think anybody should have to pay for it when it's available to be prescribed on the NHS by the GP or practice nurse.”

As part of its landmark Women's Health Strategy, the UK Government has already pledged to bring in an annual prepayment certificate for HRT prescriptions by April 2023, reducing the cost for patients to two prescription charges per year (currently £18.70 in England).

It is not yet clear if this will include locally applied oestrogen products such as Gina, Danzebrink says, but this could be a far more significant change to the way women access treatment for the menopause.

Of course, all of this is long overdue. Advocacy by high-profile women including Davina McCall has no doubt helped to put menopause on the agenda in recent years, as well as raising awareness of the benefits of HRT.

Arguably, we might have got here sooner if it affected men – Viagra, for example, has been on sale over the counter since 2018 – but campaigners say it feels like things are now moving in the right direction. “We constantly seem to be playing catch-up with women's health – and you see that in all aspects of women's health, not just the menopause,” Danzebrink says.

“We shouldn't be playing catch-up, but it is essentially where we are and I think we have to recognise that. This is another small step, but there's still work to be done.”



Celebrities Davina McCall and Penny Lancaster, centre, joined protesters last year to demonstrate against ongoing prescription charges for HRT PA

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Women over this age affected by genitourinary symptoms can buy the tablets after a consultation

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Television Tuesday 13 September

CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



PICK OF THE DAY

The Great British Bake Off

8pm, Channel 4
Along with *Strictly Come Dancing*, *Bake Off* has become one of the pillars of the autumn TV schedules, although last year's cake-making contest arguably felt a bit, well, stale. The presenting team is dependably watchable, Matt Lucas (*far left*), Noel Fielding, Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood returning with a *Star Wars* pastiche (Lucas as 'Luke Piewalker' and Fielding as 'Princess Layer Cake'; feel free to groan), but the variable is of course the cast of amateur bakers. After this opening round, there are two or three promising personalities as the dozen newbies are tasked with making a red velvet cake and a 3D replica of their own homes.

HM The King In Northern Ireland

11.15am, BBC One
The rolling news coverage following the death of Queen Elizabeth II continues with the King and Camilla the Queen Consort in Belfast, where Charles will meet the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland's party leaders. They will then attend a prayer service at St Anne's Cathedral, before returning to London, where they will await the Queen's coffin.

Fake Or Fortune?

8pm, BBC Two
"A good old whodunnit," is how Fiona Bruce describes the final authentication search of the series. It

concerns a large painting of the crucified Christ hanging in a church in Port Glasgow, the second-largest town in the Inverclyde council area of Scotland. Stylistically, it seems to belong to the Antwerp Mannerists, a school of largely anonymous painters working in the 16th-century southern Netherlands. And it's that anonymity that's the problem. Can Bruce and Philip Mould put a name to the artwork? Might it even be by Michiel Coxcie, one of the great painters of Northern Renaissance art, known as the "Flemish Raphael"?












Gorbachev. Heaven - Storyville

9.30pm, BBC Four
Mikhail Gorbachev helped to shape the 20th century. As the architect of Glasnost and Perestroika, his actions

brought down the Berlin Wall, giving countries of the former Soviet Union a chance to break away and be free. But while to many in the West he remains a hero, in his own country Gorbachev was condemned for destroying the Soviet Empire. This film is an intimate portrait of the man who, until his death earlier this month at the age of 91, carried the burdens of his past.

The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards

10pm, Sky Max
Saturday Night Live veteran Kenan Thompson hosts television's equivalent of the Oscars – and given TV's growing dominance over movies, arguably the more important awards. *Succession*, *Better*

								
Daytime	6.00 Breakfast (S). 10.00 BBC News Special (S). 11.15 HM The King In Northern Ireland (S). 4.00 BBC News (S). 4.30 HM The Queen: The Journey To London (S).	6.05 A To Z Of TV Gardening (R) (S). 6.50 Sign Zone: Nature's Weirdest Events (R) (S). 7.20 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S). 8.05 Coast (R) (S). 9.05 Lifeline (R) (S). 9.15 Animal Park (R) (S). 10.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R) (S). 10.30 Wanted Down Under (R) (S). 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer (R) (S). 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R) (S). 1.00 BBC News (S). 1.45 Doctors (S). 2.15 Money For Nothing (R) (S). 3.00 Escape To The Country (S). 3.45 The Bidding Room (R) (S). 4.30 Antiques Road Trip (S). 5.15 Flog It! (R) (S). 5.30 Live Women's T20 Cricket England vs India (S).	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S). 9.00 Lorraine (S). 10.00 This Morning (S). 12.00 ITV News: The King's Tour - Northern Ireland (S). 1.30 ITV News; Weather (S). 4.00 ITV News: Queen Elizabeth II - Return To The Palace (S).	6.10 Countdown (R) (S). 6.50 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.15 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 9.00 Frasier (R) (S). 9.30 Frasier (R) (S). 10.00 Frasier (R) (S). 10.30 Four in a Bed (R) (S). 11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S). 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary (S). 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch (S). 2.10 Countdown (S). 3.00 A Place In The Sun (R) (S). 4.00 Chateau DIY (S). 5.00 Moneybags (S).	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S). 12.45 Holiday Homes In The Sun (S). 1.40 5 News At Lunchtime (S). 1.45 Home And Away (S). 2.15 FILM: A Midsummer's Hawaiian Dream (Harry Cason 2016) Romantic fantasy comedy starring Amy Carlson (S). 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R) (S). 5.00 5 News At 5 (S).	 <div>An intimate portrait of the last leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev 9.30pm, BBC Four</div>	 <div>Fiona Bruce presents 'Fake Or Fortune?' 8pm, BBC Two</div>  <div>Rosie Jones takes a trip to Northampton 10.30pm, Channel 4</div>	6.00 World's Funniest Videos (S). 6.25 World's Funniest Videos (S). 7.00 Love Bites (S). 8.00 Secret Crush (S). 9.00 Veronica Mars (S). 10.00 One Tree Hill (S). 11.00 Hart Of Dixie (S). 12.00 Supermarket Sweep (S). 1.00 Family Fortunes (S). 2.00 The Masked Singer US (S). 3.05 Veronica Mars (S). 4.00 One Tree Hill (S). 5.00 Hart Of Dixie (S).
6pm	6.05 BBC News (S). 6.25 BBC Regional News (S). 6.45 The Eve Of The Procession To Lying-In-State (S).		6.10 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 6.20 ITV News; Weather (S).	6.00 The Simpsons Bart is placed on medication (R) (S). 6.30 Hollyoaks (R) (S).	6.00 Cash In The Attic In Cornwall (S). 6.55 5 News Update (S).			6.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special With Tim Healy, Mark Wright and Alexandra Mardell (S).
7pm		7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (R) (S).		7.00 Channel 4 News (S).	7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (R) (S). 7.55 5 News Update (S).	7.00 Live Women's T20 Cricket England vs India (S).	7.05 FILM: Fantastic Four (Josh Trank 2015) Superhero adventure, with Miles Teller and Michael B Jordan (S).	7.00 Secret Crush Junior tells Jade he has had a crush on her for the last 10 years (S).
8pm		8.00 Fake Or Fortune? Last in the series (S).	8.05 Emmerdale Ethan tries to convince Naomi to do the right thing (S).	8.00 The Great British Bake Off New series. With Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas (S).	8.00 The Yorkshire Vet Julian Norton meets a champion ferret that has an infected foot (S).			8.00 Bob's Burgers Teddy tries to impress his ex-wife (S). 8.30 Bob's Burgers Tina turns to witchcraft (S).
9pm	9.00 The One Show (S). 9.30 EastEnders Kat is less than pleased to see ex-husband Alfie (S).	9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star Searching for the next jewellery-sensation (R) (S).	9.05 Charles, The Monarch And The Man Documentary on King Charles III (S).	9.30 First Dates Hotel Twins arrive at the Italian hotel on the lookout for love (S).	9.00 The Pyrenees With Michael Portillo Last in the series (S).	9.30 Gorbachev. Heaven - Storyville An intimate portrait of the late Mikhail Gorbachev.	9.00 FILM: Raiders Of The Lost Ark (Steven Spielberg 1981) Action adventure (S).	9.00 Family Guy Peter and his cronies decide to confront God (S). 9.30 Family Guy (S).
10pm	10.00 BBC News At Ten (S). 10.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S).	10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (R) (S). 10.30 Newsnight (S).	10.00 ITV News At Ten; Weather (S). 10.50 ITV Regional News; Weather (S).	10.30 Rosie Jones' Trip Hazard (S).	10.00 The Great Smog: Winter Of '52 The fear that paralysed London during the crisis (S).			10.00 Plebs Marcus is asked out by Gloria during the Roman festival of love (S). 10.30 Plebs (S).
11pm	11.10 BBC News (S).	11.15 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling (R) (S). 11.45 Inside The Factory XL: Diggers s (R) (S).	11.00 Our Queen The People's Stories Members of the public share their memories of Queen Elizabeth II (S).	11.35 Gogglebox More recent television shows are appraised (R) (S).	11.00 FILM: An Officer And A Gentleman (Taylor Hackford 1982) Drama (S).	11.10 Ted Hughes: Stronger Than Death Examining how the poet's life shaped his work (S).	11.15 FILM: A Hidden Life (Terrence Malick 2019) Drama, starring August Diehl and Valerie Pachner (S).	11.00 Family Guy (S). 11.30 American Dad! (S). 11.55 American Dad! (S).
Late		12.45 Sign Zone: Picturing Elizabeth: Her Life In Images (R) (S). 1.45 Sign Zone: The Hotel People (R) (S). 2.45 This Is BBC Two (S).	12.00 Shop: Ideal World 3.00 Take The Tower (R) (S). 3.45 Unwind With ITV (S). 5.10 Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook (R) (S).	12.35 24 Hours In A&E (R). 1.30 The Simpsons (R) (S). 2.20 FILM: The Dressmaker (Jocelyn Moorhouse 2015) Drama (S). 4.15 Perfect House, Secret Location (R) (S). 5.15 The Great Home Transformation (R) (S).	1.20 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) (S). 2.10 A&E After Dark (R) (S). 3.00 Entertainment News On 5 (S). 3.05 Britain's Favourite Chocolate (R) (S).	12.40 Sylvia Plath: Inside The Bell Jar (S). 1.40 The Normans (S). 2.10 Cities: Nature's New Wild (S). 2.40 The Great British Seaside Holiday - Timeshift (S). 3.10 Close	2.55 Close	12.25 Bob's Burgers (S). 12.55 Bob's Burgers (S). 1.25 All American (S). 2.20 World's Funniest Videos (S). 2.45 Unwind With ITV (S). 3.00 Teleshopping

Call Saul, Euphoria, Ozark, Severance, Squid Game and Stranger Things 4 are up for best drama series, while best actor and actress categories include Colin Firth and Lily James.

Rosie Jones' Trip Hazard
10.30pm, Channel 4
Rosie Jones takes rapper Lady Leshurr to Northampton, where she has arranged for them to abseil down a 418ft tower. The only problem is, Leshurr is afraid of heights, so they prepare for the task by going up in a microlight, crashing an anti-gravity yoga class and driving at Silverstone. But will they dare face the tower? If the recent escapade featuring Guz Khan and sky-diving in Blackpool is anything to go by, Rosie will be up for it.

FILM
CHOICE

LAURENCE PHELAN



FILM OF THE DAY
Scanners
9pm, HorrorXtra
(David Cronenberg, 1981)
"Scanners" are people with a rare genetic mutation resulting in "the derangement of the synapses which we call telepathy"; they can control other people's minds; oh, and sometimes make their heads burst. Naturally, the military-industrial complex is interested, and our hero (Stephen Lack, left) comes to the attention of a researcher and private security firm ConSec. This is the David Cronenberg film with the most in common with other mainstream action-horror movies of the VHS era. And yet it is still unmistakably and distinctively the work of a film-maker taking a philosophical interest in the body and the mind.

How Do You Know
6.40pm, GREAT! movies
(James L Brooks, 2010)
This romcom involves a softball team captain (Reese Witherspoon), a baseball player (Owen Wilson) and a businessman (Paul Rudd). It helps that they are characters with semi-realistic notions of what love is.

Raiders Of The Lost Ark
9pm, Film4
(Steven Spielberg, 1981)
Steven Spielberg's engaging and action-packed historical adventure hasn't lost any of its impact with the passage of time. Harrison Ford's 'Indie' is the quintessential action hero and he's on top form as he fights the Nazis for the Ark of the Covenant.

ON DEMAND

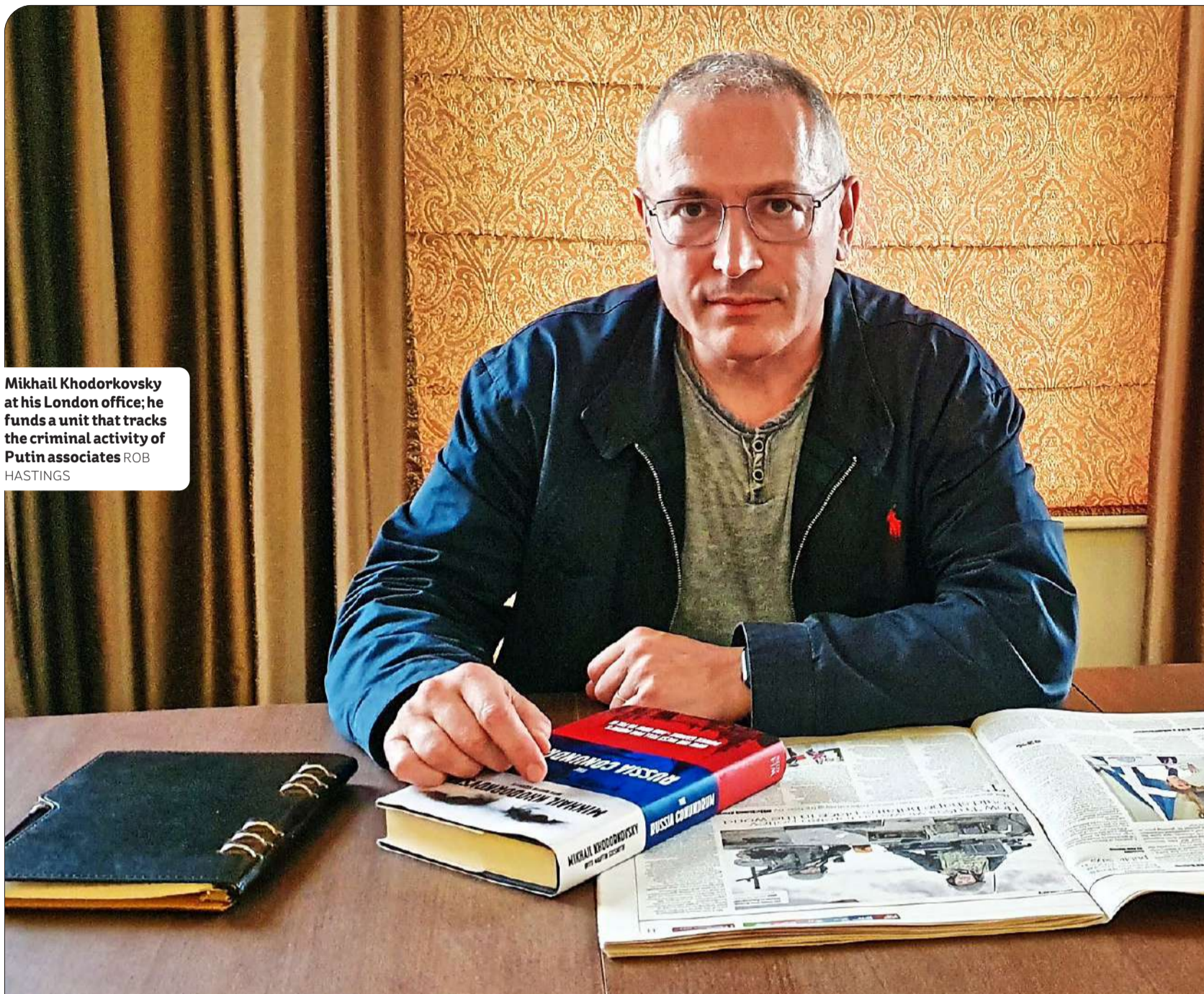
Arena: James Joyce's Ulysses
BBC iPlayer
Salman Rushdie contributes to a centenary look at the modernist masterpiece.

American Gigolo
Paramount+
Jon Bernthal takes the Richard Gere role in the TV remake of the 1980 movie.

The Lost Prince
BritBox
Stephen Poliakoff's 2004 drama about Prince John.

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6.00 Heartbeat Liz's past catches up with her, and Vernon's dreams of wealth go up in smoke (S).	6.00 The Big Bang Theory Penny feels threatened by a sexy woman (S). 6.30 The Big Bang Theory (S).	6.55 Escape To The Chateau Dick and Angel prepare for Angel's parents' 50th wedding anniversary (S).	6.00 Stargate SG-1 A Jaffa leader tries to form an alliance with Earth. Starring Richard Dean Anderson (R) (S).	6.50 The Sopranos Tony's generosity pays off. Crime drama, starring James Gandolfini (R) (S).	BBC Radio 1Xtra 6am Battle Of The Mixes 6.30 Battle Of The Mixes 7.00 Swazzy 10.00 Ace 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Remi Burzg 4.00 Reece Parkinson 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Reece Parkinson 7.00 Sian Anderson 9.00 Jamz Supernova 11.00 Snoochie Shy 1am 1Xtra Salutes. 2.00 Future Wave With Complexion 3.00 Battle Of The Mixes 3.30 Battle Of The Mixes 4.00 Pressed 5.00 1Xtra's Cosmic Wind Down With Jamz Supernova	BBC Radio 4 6am Today 9.00 The Life Scientific 9.30 One To One 9.45 Book Of The Week: A Visible Man 10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 The Curious Cases Of Rutherford & Fry 11.30 Icon 12noon News 12.04 Call You And Yours 12.57 Weather 1.00 The World At One 1.45 The Boy In The Woods 2.00 The Archers 2.15 Drama: Love Across The Ages 3.00 Short Cuts 3.30 Costing The Earth 4.00 The Listening Project 4.30 The Digital Human 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Alone. By Moray Hunter. 7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Arts programme. 8.00 File On 4. British victims of trafficking. 8.40 In Touch. News for people who are blind or partially sighted. 9.00 Can The Police Keep Us Safe? The question of policing in the modern age. 9.30 The Life Scientific. Geo-archaeologist Dr Judith Bunbury reflects on the Sahara Desert. 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book At Bedtime: The Maid. By Nita Prose. 11.00 Fortunately 11.30 The Digital Human 12mdn't News And Weather 12.30 Book Of The Week: A Visible Man 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping Forecast 5.30 News Briefing 5.43 Prayer For The Day 5.45 Farming Today 5.58 Tweet Of The Day	BBC 5 Live 6am 5 Live Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.00 Adrian Chiles 1pm Nihal Arthanayake 4.00 5 Live Drive 5.30 5 Live Sport 5.45 5 Live Sport 8.00 5 Live Sport 10.30 Colin Murray 1am Dotun Adebayo 5.00 Wake Up To Money
7.00 Heartbeat A sniper strikes in Aidensfield. Drama, with Jason Durr (S).	7.00 Hollyoaks (S). 7.30 The Big Bang Theory Leonard argues with Penny (S).	7.55 The Yorkshire Dales And The Lakes Cameras follow a Dales craftsman (S).	7.00 Stargate SG-1 A dormant android is discovered on a barren planet (R) (S).	7.55 Game Of Thrones Theon embarks on a hunt as he tries to prove his Ironborn status (R) (S).	BBC Radio 2 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show 9.30 Ken Bruce 12noon Jeremy Vine 2.00 Steve Wright In The Afternoon 5.00 Sara Cox 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower 7.00 Jo Whitley's Shiny Happy Playlist 7.30 Jo Whitley 9.00 Remembering Our Queen 10.00 Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7 10.30 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 12mdn't OJ Borg 3.00 Pick Of The Pops 4.00 Early Breakfast Show	BBC Radio 4 LW 9.45am Daily Service 12.01pm Shipping Forecast 5.54 Shipping Forecast	BBC 6 Music 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1pm Craig Charles 4.00 Steve Lamacq 7.00 Tom Robinson 9.00 Gideon Coe 12mdn't 6 Music Artist In Residence 1.00 The First Time With Debbie Harry 2.00 The First Time With Grandmaster Flash 3.00 6 Music At All Points East 4.00 The Little Simz Playlist 5.00 Chris Hawkins
8.00 Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific The actor begins his tour with a look at French Polynesia (S).	8.00 Below Deck: Mediterranean The crew tries to stream a football game in the middle of the Med (S).		8.00 A League Of Their Own With Aaron Ramsdale, Michael Sheen, Alex Brooker and Emily Attack (R).	9.00 Irma Vep Mira experiences a spiritual breakthrough after a visit with Rene (S).	BBC Radio 4 Extra 6am Some Mother's Son 6.30 Agatha Raisin 7.00 The Break 7.30 Alone 8.00 The Goon Show 8.30 King Street Junior 9.00 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music 9.30 The Older Woman 10.00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency 10.45 Short Works 11.00 Music Hall Reclaimed 12noon The Goon Show 12.30 King Street Junior	BBC Radio 3 6.30am Breakfast. Classical breakfast show, with Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics. A selection of music and features. 12noon Composer Of The Week: Bruckner. Donald Macleod follows Bruckner's ascent into the organ lofts of Europe. 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Chamber music highlights from last month's Machynlleth Festival. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. A concert given by the Verbier Festival Orchestra, featuring Bartok and Shostakovich. 5.00 In Tune. Music and arts news. 7.00 In Tune Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music. 7.30 Radio 3 In Concert. Ottorino Respighi's Pines of Rome and Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. 10.00 Free Thinking. John Gallagher and guests look at language during the Age of Exploration. 10.45 The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language. Tina Kelberman shares her story of growing up in a Jewish household	Absolute Radio 6am Dave Berry 10.00 Leona Graham 1pm Ben Burrell 4.00 Bush And Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Jay Lawrence 1am Dan Noble
9.00 Midsomer Murders A landowner's body goes missing on the night of his death (S).	9.00 Married At First Sight UK Two grooms arrive alone to the second dinner party (S).	9.00 Chernobyl: The New Evidence Part two of two (S).	9.00 The Blacklist Aram turns to an unusual outlet for release.		BBC Radio 3 6.30am Breakfast. Classical breakfast show, with Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics. A selection of music and features. 12noon Composer Of The Week: Bruckner. Donald Macleod follows Bruckner's ascent into the organ lofts of Europe. 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Chamber music highlights from last month's Machynlleth Festival. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. A concert given by the Verbier Festival Orchestra, featuring Bartok and Shostakovich. 5.00 In Tune. Music and arts news. 7.00 In Tune Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music. 7.30 Radio 3 In Concert. Ottorino Respighi's Pines of Rome and Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. 10.00 Free Thinking. John Gallagher and guests look at language during the Age of Exploration. 10.45 The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language. Tina Kelberman shares her story of growing up in a Jewish household	Heart 6.30am Heart Breakfast With Jamie Theakston And Amanda Holden 10.00 Pandora Christie 1pm Matt Wilkinson 4.00 JK And Kelly Brook 7.00 Heart's Feel Good Weekend With Dev Griffin 10.00 Fia Tarrant 1am Simon Beale 4.00 Early Breakfast With James Stewart	TalkSPORT 6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Laura Woods 10.00 Jim White And Simon Jordan 1pm Hawksbee & Baker 4.00 TalkSPORT Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent 7.00 Kick Off 10.00 Sports Bar 12mdn't Extra Time
10.00 Celeb Cooking School Kerry, Toby and Laura need to master pastry (S).	10.00 Celeb Cooking School Kerry, Toby and Laura need to master pastry (S).	10.00 Japan's Tsunami: Caught On Camera (S).	10.00 The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards	10.05 House Of The Dragon Game of Thrones prequel, starring Paddy Considine and Matt Smith (R).			
11.00 Professor T Crime drama, with Ben Miller and Emma Naomi (S).	11.05 Naked Attraction (S).	11.20 24 Hours In A&E A builder breaks his neck after falling off his shed (S).		11.10 Munich Games Political thriller, starring Yousef Sweid and Seyneb Saleh (R) (S).			
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Mikhail Khodorkovsky at his London office; he funds a unit that tracks the criminal activity of Putin associates **ROB HASTINGS**



'Putin sent me 3,000 miles away to Siberia'

Once the wealthiest person in Russia, Mikhail Khodorkovsky now campaigns against its regime from the UK. He tells **Rob Hastings** about his 10 years as a political prisoner, what Putin might do next and his hopes for Russia's future

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For a man who spent 10 years of his life in Russian jails and gulags, twice went on hunger strike and now has a \$500,000 bounty on his head, Mikhail Khodorkovsky looks reassuringly healthy and relaxed these days. He has a light-hearted sense of humour too: opening a copy of *iQ* on the desk in his central London office, he begins to chuckle, holding up a photo of Liz Truss dressed in combat gear while riding in a tank.

"*O Bozhe!*" he remarks. What does that mean? His translator laughs too

as she replies: "Oh God!" This is not a judgement of the new Prime Minister's qualities. It seems the businessman just doesn't think much of military photo shoots. It's the kind of imagery that Vladimir Putin specialises in (although the Russian dictator normally wears fewer clothes).

Khodorkovsky was once the wealthiest person in Russia. But daring to stand up to Putin – over the President's alleged corruption – led to the oil billionaire being arrested at gunpoint in 2003 and imprisoned on charges of fraud and tax evasion.

Widely seen as a warning to the other oligarchs to fall into line, the accusations against him were deemed by experts to be wholly fabricated; Amnesty International declared him a "prisoner of conscience".

It is thought that it was only Putin's desire for good publicity ahead of the Sochi Winter Olympics that led to Khodorkovsky's surprising release in 2013. Two years later, he moved to the UK.

Before Putin made him a political prisoner, Khodorkovsky's wealth was calculated by Forbes to be \$15bn

(£13bn). These days, it's closer to the \$100m that was held in a trust in Ireland while he was jailed. "I'm still engaged in business, though not as active as in my past life," says Khodorkovsky, dressed in jeans and a Ralph Lauren jacket.

But he is best known for his political lobbying and activism against the Putin regime. "I continue working with the public opinion in Russia and among Russians living abroad," he says.

His building here in Mayfair – valued at up to £6m – feels like his own



was forced to give up land, money and military power – so ultra-nationalists in Russia felt their division from countries like Ukraine after the downfall of the Soviet Union deprived their state of its deserved might and influence. Khodorkovsky continues: “They both consider their occupation of other countries’ territories as their mission and the legacy they want to leave behind.”

RISE AND FALL

The tale of the original oligarchs is now legendary. There were seven of them, according to the late Boris Berezovsky, and one was Khodorkovsky. These businessmen leapt on the chance to buy up cheap shares in the huge state-owned monopolies that were privatised after the fall of the Soviet Union and saw their values balloon. In 1995 Khodorkovsky’s bank acquired the oil firm Yukos, which had debts of \$3.5bn at the time. He turned it around and two years later he was one of the first four Russians to be ranked as dollar billionaires by *Forbes* magazine.

One noticeable absentee in *The Russia Conundrum* is another oligarch: Khodorkovsky’s former rival in the oil business, Roman Abramovich. The former owner of Chelsea FC was involved in organising unsuccessful peace talks between Russia and Ukraine in the spring, and has been sanctioned by the UK but not by the US.

“I think I know him quite well,” says Khodorkovsky. “If he were to face a choice, he would prefer to lose quite a lot rather than quarrel with Putin. When he’s involved in negotiations with Ukraine, he is doing that because he doesn’t want to be sanctioned... Putin condoned his talks because he doesn’t want Abramovich to be sanctioned, not because he needs Abramovich as a member of the negotiations team.”

Some argue it was the vast wealth these seven men accumulated in the 90s – and the political influence that came with it – that made Putin want to restore the state’s overarching authority, convincing the former KGB man to claw back power and seducing the jealous leader into wanting a mega fortune of his own. Does he fear, at least to some degree, that he helped create the Putin whose wrath the world is suffering from today?

Khodorkovsky argues that he and



the other oligarchs accrued their assets fairly, “through the cut-and-thrust of business”. He writes: “We were accused of buying businesses on the cheap, but the fact is that we played by the rules that were in force at the time.”

Even so, does he regret how he acted on his way to the top? The film director Alex Gibney, who made the 2019 documentary *Citizen K* with Khodorkovsky about his life, found archival footage of the businessman speaking in his youth “about how much he enjoys being greedy and how people who are poor clearly just deserve to be poor”.

When I quote these words to Khodorkovsky, he pauses, reflecting on this deeply. He does not bristle. “I started doing business when I was 24. At that time, I thought: why don’t others? Anybody can do that... It is something you can’t quite grasp at 24: that some things are given to some, but not to others. You can do it but others cannot.”

“Could I have done some things differently in my life? I could have. Could I have made the choice in my life at the time to do more for promoting democracy than doing business? Perhaps, yes. Would it have had any impact? I’m afraid I don’t think so.”

LIFE IN JAIL

Khodorkovsky believes it was his criticism of corruption by Putin’s inner circle in a televised meeting with the President and other leading businessmen in February 2003 that led to him being jailed. His allegations concerned \$400m pocketed through the acquisition of an oil company – though Khodorkovsky claims he did not realise at the time it was probably Putin who took the money.

The last time they met was on 26 April 2003, when the President asked Khodorkovsky not to help opposition parties in elections. The businessman refused to commit to this and later heard that Putin “flew into a rage” as a result. A few months later, he was arrested at gunpoint. His conviction came in May 2005.

While *The Russia Conundrum* is about far more than Khodorkovsky’s own tale, his descrip-



tions of life as a political prisoner are particularly compelling. Of the 766 penal colonies the authorities had to choose from, Khodorkovsky was sent to one in Siberia, 3,000 miles away from Moscow, where the temperatures ranged from 45°C in the summer to -45°C in the winter. Prisoners were exposed to radiation because IK 14/10 was next to a uranium mine.

The word “gulag” evokes the harshest images of inhumanity. The 21st-century versions are different to the infamous Soviet ones, writes Khodorkovsky, but still incredibly cruel places where “beating and killing can and does happen”.

In 2006 another prisoner attempted to stab him in the eye. Told he needed to be put in a “safe place”, Khodorkovsky was forced into solitary confinement, which he knew in reality was a “direct road to the cemetery”. He responded with a dry hunger strike, refusing water as well as food. “When you go ‘dry’, your blood thickens and your blood pressure shoots up,” he writes in the book. Without food or water, “you’re at risk of dying as early as the third day and almost no one survives more than 10.” By the fourth day, “I couldn’t walk and I was fainting” – but he won.

His demands were accepted and he was taken to the infirmary to recover.

He remains eternally grateful to Angela Merkel, who as German chancellor lobbied for his release in 2013. He cannot take his continued freedom for granted, however. In March 2021, he was listening to the Moscow Echo radio stations when he heard that “a bounty of \$500,000

Opposition activists wearing Khodorkovsky masks demonstrating in 2013; below, Khodorkovsky on trial in 2004. OLGA MALTSEVA; TATYANA MAKEYEVA/AFP/GETTY

will be paid for the capture of the former head of the Yukos Oil Company, Mikhail Borisovich Khodorkovsky, who is currently hiding in London.” The man behind the announcement was Yevgeny Prigozhin, a former gangster turned Putin confidante, who is accused of running the infamous Wagner Group of mercenaries to carry out the Russian army’s dirty work. One of the projects Khodorkovsky funded was a probe into what these private military contractors were doing in the Central African Republic, but during the investigation three Russian journalists were murdered. The businessman believes it was this exposure of Wagner’s activities that led to Prigozhin offering cash for his capture.

Despite this, and the poisonings of other Putin opponents such as politicians Alexei Navalny and Vladimir Kara-Murza, Khodorkovsky tries to stay calm about his own safety. “It’s like being a pilot in a fighter plane,” he says. “Every day, when they get into a plane, they don’t think about crashing. If they were, they would go mad.”

THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA

The invasion of Ukraine cannot end well for Putin, Khodorkovsky says: “Putin cannot stop the war, but also he cannot win it. He can pause it, there might even be peace talks... But ultimately he’s going to lose it.” This is because it would be impossible to suppress armed resistance and rule Ukraine effectively, he explains.

Peace talks will be exceptionally challenging, he says. “No long-term agreement with Putin is possible because he just deceives people. Three months before the Crimean campaign, he said he had no ambitions to go there. The same happened months before the war in Ukraine.”

Khodorkovsky brushes aside suggestions that it would be impossible for the country to be a functioning democracy – this, he says, is based on enduring Western misunderstandings of his country and his people. He predicts: “After Putin leaves, there is likely to be a brief period of rule by his appointed ‘heir’, followed by an inevitable political crisis and a relaunch of how the country is run.”

But who could lead such a country? He tells me: “Undoubtedly, Navalny sees himself as such a leader... But it’s not really a problem of who comes next.” The president’s power would need to be reduced through a “deep federalisation” he explains, to spread power across the country.

As for the country’s ruler for the past 22 years, he says: “I really do think that Putin will stay in power until he dies. The question is whether this is going to be a natural death. That depends on his luck. Having started the war in Ukraine, he has really reduced the period of his political life.”



The Russia Conundrum: How the West Fell for Putin’s Power Gambit – and How to Fix It by Mikhail Khodorkovsky with Martin Sixsmith (WH Allen, £20), is out now



Putin cannot stop the war, but can't win it. Ultimately he's going to lose it

personal embassy for this international role. It has four storeys of elegant offices and reception rooms, many of them lit by chandeliers. He funds Dossier Centre, an investigative unit that “tracks the criminal activity” of Putin associates, hoping to enable future Russian courts “to open criminal cases against corrupt criminals in and associated with the Kremlin”. Until last year, he also ran MBK Media, which covered “news ignored by Kremlin-controlled media outlets” – until it was forced to close down over safety concerns for its journalists.

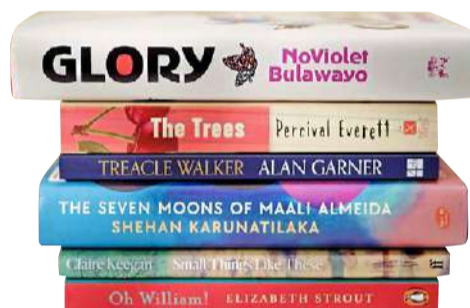
He also has a new book out, *The Russia Conundrum*. Written with former BBC Moscow correspondent Martin Sixsmith, it charts his personal experiences with Putin – from a barbecue held by the Russian President in May 2000 to discuss a “non-aggression pact” between government and the oligarchs, to the threats still made to him by Kremlin cronies today. It explains how Putin ruthlessly consolidated power, became a dictator, fooled the West and ended up invading Ukraine. It also considers the ruler’s future and proposes how a post-Putin Russia could one day become a fair and functioning democracy.

“I think it’s fair to compare Putin with Hitler because what he is building now is a fascist regime,” says Khodorkovsky. “The level is not as strong as it was in Nazi Germany, but... they both use the same ‘Weimar syndrome’,” he explains. Just as the German far right felt their emasculated country was exploited after surrendering in the First World War – when the Weimar Republic

Arts

What to read on the **Booker shortlist**

From a story about the Magdalene laundries to Elizabeth Strout's Lucy Barton series, this year's novels offer vital insight into modern life, writes **Max Liu**



Podcasts The Fourcast

THE FOUR CAST

This month marks the return of Channel 4's weekly flagship news podcast, *The Fourcast*. Hosted by reporter Kiran Moodley, the podcast zooms in on one significant event in the news agenda every week, offering a deeper look at the major stories of our day.

The new series returns with an overview on the future of the US Republican party with leading Republican pollster Whit Ayres, and will continue with further deep dives into the rapidly changing political landscapes in the UK and US, at a time when we need to look behind the headlines most. Moodley engagingly breaks down the complex news stories of the day in Channel 4 News's signature accessible and penetrating style.

Lauren O'Neill

All six novels on the Booker Prize shortlist lifted me out of the noise of contemporary life and encouraged me to think about what truly drives people and defines societies.

It has never been more necessary for fiction to do this and, in 2022, Neil MacGregor and his fellow judges have chosen a shrewd and unpredictable selection that is, to my mind, the strongest for four years.

In different ways, each novel gets at things – violence, family secrets, racism, mystery, magic – that lie just below the surface of the everyday. Three of them – Percival Everett's *The Trees*, Claire Keegan's *Small Things Like These* and Elizabeth Strout's *Oh William!* – are concerned with small town life. NoViolet Bulawayo's *Glory* and Shehan Karunatilaka's *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* depict post-colonial societies that have descended into brutality.

The setting of Alan Garner's *Treacle Walker* – by turns humdrum and otherworldly – sears itself into the reader's imagination in a mere 15,000 words (some of the shortlisted novels are short, but none are small in scope).

Garner looks the likely winner and, six decades into his remarkable career, few would begrudge him.

Here are six writers, from five countries, ranging in age from their early-40s to their late-80s, who are using the novel to probe some of the most urgent questions of our time – and any time.

Glory by NoViolet Bulawayo

Chatto & Windus, £18.99
This is the second novel by the Zimbabwean writer who, in 2013, became

the first black African woman to make the shortlist with her debut *We Need New Names*. It's an allegory, set in the animal kingdom of Jidada, and it starts with the fall of The Father of the Nation – or "the Old Horse" as he's known – and his wife Marvellous, a twerking donkey, who have been in power for decades. Parallels with Robert Mugabe and the end of his dictatorship are clear – and perhaps a little too obvious.

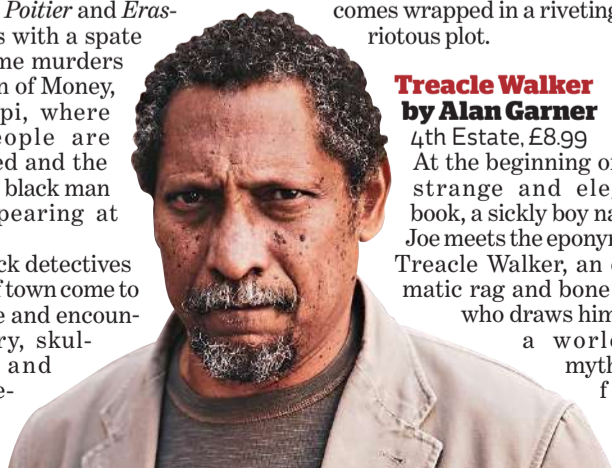
This is the longest novel on the shortlist but the fluency of Bulawayo's storytelling carries the reader through its 400 pages. She writes in exuberant, looping sentences and wittily experiments with form, incorporating elements of social media.

It makes for an urgent and engaging meditation on the farce of totalitarianism and the struggle of those who live under it to forge something better.

The Trees by Percival Everett

Influx Press, £9.99
This black comedy by the 65-year-old African-American author, who is best-known for his satires *I Am Not Sidney Poitier* and *Erasure*, begins with a spate of gruesome murders in the town of Money, Mississippi, where white people are being killed and the same dead black man keeps appearing at the scene.

Two black detectives from out of town come to investigate and encounter bigotry, skulduggery and more gruesomeness.



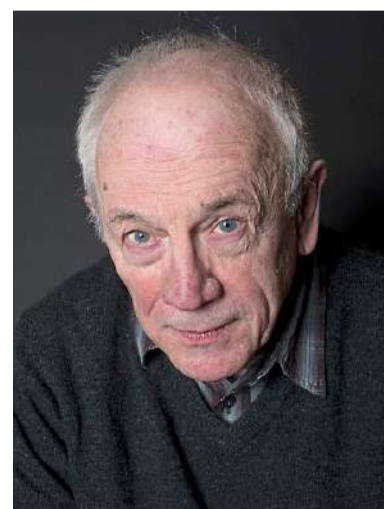
Treacle Walker by Alan Garner

4th Estate, £8.99
At the beginning of this strange and elegant book, a sickly boy named Joe meets the eponymous Treacle Walker, an enigmatic rag and bone man who draws him into a world of myth and folklore

This shrewd selection is, to my mind, the strongest for four years

The Trees is both hilarious and ferociously serious, dramatising the line of genocide from slavery, through Jim Crow-era lynching, to the killing of black men by police in the 21st-century.

It's also about the potential of language to both hurt (the n-word is ubiquitous) and liberate. It is no exaggeration to say there is humour and pain in every sentence and it all comes wrapped in a riveting and riotous plot.



where, as Joe says, he "can't tell what's real and what isn't".

It is an extraordinary act of narrative compression from Garner, a fable about time – *Treacle Walker* wishes "To hear no more the beat of Time" – and childhood, as Joe plunges in and out of the landscapes of his comics, inanimate objects become animated and the book reaches a terrifying denouement.

It can be a disorientating reading experience but Garner is such an assured and experienced storyteller that, if you simply surrender to the



Clockwise from main: Booker Prize 2022 shortlist authors NoViolet Bulawayo, Shehan Karunatilaka, Elizabeth Strout, Claire Keegan, Alan Garner and Percival Everett NYELYNTHO; DOMINIC SANSONI; FRÉDÉRIC STUCIN; DAVID HEKE/BOOKER/PA; NACHO GOBERNA



She does this through the story of Bill Furlong, a fuel merchant who, while delivering coal and logs to the local convent, finds a disturbing scene of malnourished teenage girls scrubbing floors. This is one of Ireland's notorious Magdalene laundries where girls and young women who had become pregnant were subject to horrific brutality.

This piercing book – which, at 116 pages, is the shortest novel to ever be in contention for the Booker Prize – examines the way awful suffering can unfold on our doorstep while we carry on with our privileged lives.

Through Furlong, it asks: “Why were the things that were closest so often the hardest to see?” And it prompts us to consider what responsibility we have to our neighbours.

Oh William!
By Elizabeth Strout
Penguin, £8.99

Reading the third novel in Strout's acclaimed series about Lucy Barton, a successful writer who was scarred by her childhood of poverty and neglect in rural Illinois, is like sitting down to talk about life with the most frank and perceptive person you know.

There's a recurring interest in each Barton book in how where people come from shapes the kind of adults they become.

Lucy talks about the “private quiet horror” that she carries with her, saying she feels invisible, and this novel explores whether we become more or less visible to ourselves as we age.

These are universal themes made accessible, in an intimate but unsparing voice, by Strout's supple and pared-back prose. Lucy contemplates the nature of storytelling, and the way that novelists transmute reality into fiction, while Strout makes the everyday luminous.

It all adds up to the deepest and subtlest instalment yet in perhaps the greatest novel series in contemporary American fiction.

The winner of the Booker Prize 2022 is announced on 17 October (thebookerprizes.com)

title who, at the beginning, wakes up dead. Maali, a gay photographer who claims to have a box of photographs that could bring down Sri Lanka's corrupt government, thinks he has been murdered by a death squad.

When we meet him, he's in a celestial visa office where he's waiting to enter the afterlife. In the meantime, he exists in “the in-between” where he has seven moons to find out what happened to him.

Maali watches his family grieving for him, trying to get answers from the police. I wasn't sure about this novel at first, finding the first 50 pages overwritten and Almeida's voice trying too hard to be ironic, but it hit its stride soon afterwards as Karunatilaka's atmospheric descriptions conjure the sights and smells of the Colombo underworld and a society teeming with ghosts.

Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan

Faber, £9.99
Keegan's evocation of 80s small town Ireland is rich and vivid, right from the first page where she tells us the river Barry, in the run-up to Christmas, is “dark as stout”. She captures the slow but steady pace of days in such a place, the continuity through years that can be both comforting and constricting.



book, the rewards are considerable. Garner, who will be 88 on the day the prize is awarded, is the oldest author ever to be shortlisted, but his evocation of childhood never feels dated because Joe's experience is timeless.

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida
by Shehan Karunatilaka

Sort Of Books, £16.99
The second novel by the Sri Lankan writer Shehan Karunatilaka is narrated in the second person “you” voice by the Maali Almeida of the

Last night's television

GERARD GILBERT



Unsettling modern thriller reaches a frenetic conclusion

» **The Capture** BBC One, 9pm ★★★★★

Full marks to writer Ben Chanan for mining such a rich seam of modern paranoia for his thriller **The Capture** – the unsettling world of image manipulation, deepfakes and all sorts of other hi-tech shenanigans. However, Sunday night's penultimate episode had given us a more conventional thriller climax, as our plucky heroine DCI Rachel Carey (Holliday Grainger) was chased around an empty office block by two professional assassins.

One of these unknown assailants unexpectedly shot the other in the head before whisking Rachel off into the back of a van – all of which brought us to the finale. So, who was behind Rachel's abduction (or rescue) and who was behind the attempt to smear and then rehabilitate Security Minister Isaac Turner? The Chinese have already been discounted, the Russians seemed a bit obvious, while the Americans and Big Tech were still in the frame. Could it even be our own side, the Operation Vanguard team?

It was a fast and furious denouement that began with Rachel being led hooded to her interrogation. Her interrogator was US intelligence operative Frank Napier (Ron Perlman), who's currently hosting the Operation Vanguard team on American soil in London. But this was no homage to Laurence



It was a fast, furious denouement for Holliday Grainger as DCI Rachel Carey BBC

with Operation Vanguard's plan to arrange a live prime time BBC interview with Isaac. The interviewer was switched at the last moment to “Newsnight” presenter Khadija Khan (Indira Varma), who'd been persuaded to go along with the scheme with the promise of being fed future titbits by the intelligence services. This prompted a walkout by Isaac, which didn't matter because Isaac was anyway going to be substituted by his digital doppelganger spouting the words that would keep Big Tech happy.

Rachel, meanwhile, took advantage of an argument between Frank and Gemma to put her own words into the digital Isaac's mouth. These not only exposed the existence of “Correction” but also Big Tech's plans for British politics.

It all kind of made sense, even if it was far-fetched (let's hope). The series did however dramatise some important real-world issues, mainly political manipulation through data crunching. Thus **The Capture** could be seen as a companion piece to Peter Kosminsky's Channel 4 drama **The Undeclared War**, or a British stab at **Homeland**. That US drama went to eight seasons, but after **The Capture**'s happy ending in Piccadilly Circus (all it lacked was the Spice Girls dancing around the Statue of Eros) and the secretive facility finally exposed, don't expect a series three.

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The denouement began with Rachel being led hooded to her interrogation

Olivier performing dentistry on Dustin Hoffman in *Marathon Man*, it transpired. Frank was merely looking for clippers to cut Rachel free.

Joined by her boss DS Gemma Garland (a glacial Lia Williams), Rachel was then confronted by the secretly recorded evidence she had been collecting on “Correction” (the UK secret service's image manipulation programme) and eventually persuaded to come on board, despite Frank's charming estimation that Rachel was “a stubborn turd that just won't flush”.

But how much of a stubborn turd? That was the question that lingered until the very end as Rachel seemingly went along

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Arts review

THEATRE Silence

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, LONDON

★★★★★

The 75th anniversary of a weighty historical event reminds us, among other things, of the dwindling time there is left to record the first-hand testimony of those who lived through it and can bear witness.

This summer marked 75 years since Partition in India, the tumultuous end to the British Raj that saw the biggest ever movement of people outside war or famine. Twelve million were uprooted and a million died as the nation of Pakistan was carved out, yet the events of Partition remain woefully under-acknowledged in this country.

For the 70th anniversary, journalist Kavita Puri interviewed British South Asians with memories of this bloody time for the Radio 4 series *Partition Voices* and her subsequent book of these invaluable testimonies is

the source material used by four writers – Sonali Bhattacharyya, Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti, Ishy Din and Alexandra Wood – for this new play, which emphasises the silence that has too often shrouded Partition.

"Play", however, is too forceful a word for a noble project that struggles to achieve definition and find a distinctive dramatic voice. *Silence* is framed around Mina (Nimmi Harasgama), a journalist who is researching Partition testimonies.

Her ailing, elderly father (vivid work from Bhasker Patel) has always refused to share his own memories of these times, but there are plenty of others who come forward.

A series of lengthy individual accounts, of lives suddenly uprooted overnight and friendships rent asunder, follows in Abdul Shayek's restrained and respectful production.

These people are not "characters" but witnesses, a conceit that works splendidly for oral history but is less compelling as a piece of theatre. We long to



Renu Brindle and Sujaya Dasgupta in 'Silence' – a restrained and respectful production MANUEL HARLAN

know more, to burrow deeper and gather further details on individual lives.

Themes naturally recur, most notably the super-accelerated time frame for Indian independence and Partition – the entire process was completed in just 10 weeks, instead of the year that had been anticipated – which resulted in such chaos and violence.

There is a fascinating strand

that focuses upon younger generations needing to explore family history in order to root themselves fully in the present.

The most vibrant episode, perhaps because it manages to pull happiness out of heartbreak, is recounted by an elderly married couple, who tell – him with Tiggerish excitement and her with fond scepticism – of love blossoming in a refugee camp after they were forced to flee

Sindh for India. The bittersweet reason for his initial attraction to her? She resembled the sweetheart he had left behind.

I was left wondering how many thousands more such stories live silently among us, in our friends and neighbours, to this day.

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The European Women's Football Championships, won by England at Wembley, boosted the economy in July. REUTERS

ECONOMY

GDP growth of 0.2% in July held back by weak sectors

By David Connett

The UK economy grew in July, but by a smaller amount than expected as industry and the construction sectors struggled.

UK gross domestic product (GDP) rose by 0.2 per cent in July, data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has shown. The figure was below the 0.4 per cent growth expected by economists, and follows a fall of 0.6 per cent in June.

The ONS said that the services sector was the biggest driver of the rebound, growing by 0.4 per cent over July. This follows a 0.5 per cent drop in the sector between May and June. Both manufacturing and construction sectors shrank.

Events including the European Women's Football Championships, and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham gave the economy a boost in July, as the "sports activities and amusement and recreation activities" sector grew by 8.1 per cent,

making it the second-largest driver of growth.

June's GDP figure had been hit by the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday, according to the ONS.

Economic growth has lost impetus since January as inflation acted as a drag on businesses and consumers, reaching a 40-year high in July.

Officials said electricity generation, transmission and distribution fell by 4.4 per cent in July.

Electricity prices leapt by 54 per cent in the year to July, part of the surge in power costs that last week led to Liz Truss announcing a plan to cap domestic energy tariffs.

Kitty Ussher, chief economist at the Institute of Directors, said: "Given all the talk of recession, businesses will be reassured to hear that the economy grew in July, at around its long-term trend rate. When looking at the past three months together, it shows the economy flatlining as the impact of higher inflation works its way through the system.

"Consumer spending was reasonably strong, as hot weather, a strong sporting schedule and holiday bookings boosted retail and recreation activities.

"Set against this is weakness in some parts of the manufacturing sector. Although it is notable this is concentrated in pharmaceutical production which would be expected to be more volatile coming out of a pandemic.

"The key judgement the Bank of England will make when it meets is whether an essentially flat economy is sufficient to squeeze homegrown inflation out of the system or whether further tightening is needed."

{i} The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy said **July's demand for electricity was 2.3 per cent lower than in 2021**, pointing to a response over inflation.

NORTHERN IRELAND

EU's Brexit chief says customs checks could be reduced

By Laurie Havelock
MONEY & BUSINESS REPORTER

The EU's Brexit chief, Maros Sefcovic, said he could reduce physical customs checks across the Irish Sea to just a few lorries a day.

The European Commission vice president has urged UK Prime Minister, Liz Truss, to drop her controversial plan to override the Northern Ireland Protocol unilaterally with new legislation.

Mr Sefcovic said the EU was willing to compromise, but only if Brussels' proposals to cut the Protocol as laid out in October 2021 were the basis for resuming talks.

Physical checks on goods moving between Britain and Northern Ireland would only be made when there is reasonable suspicion of illegal trade smuggling, illegal drugs, dangerous toys or poisoned food, he said.

"If the data are downloaded into the system, when the goods are put on the ferry from Britain... I believe we can remotely process them while sailing to Northern Ireland," Mr Sefcovic added.

He said it would typically mean checks on a "couple of lorries a day", explaining there was almost no difference between the UK demand for "no checks" and the EU's offer of "minimum checks, done in an invisible manner".

Northern Ireland remains in the EU single market under the Northern Ireland Protocol in order to prevent customs checks across the border, however this requires checks from Britain to Northern Ireland, while the UK government is demanding for no checks.

Sefcovic said the UK Government's desire for zero customs checks across the Irish Sea is compatible with the EU's offer of "minimum checks, done in an invisible manner".



Church's, a luxury shoe brand that caters to the likes of Pierce Brosnan's James Bond, has felt the pinch after posting annual sales that came in at a 40-year low. The Northampton-based firm brought in £6.1m in sales over the past financial year, 57 per

cent lower than it managed the previous year.

So much for well-heeled?

Unfortunately so. The firm's accounts show that pre-tax losses at the 149-year-old company grew by 53 per cent last year to £24.7m.

What took the shine off?

Church's, whose handmade shoes were famously sported by Brosnan in *GoldenEye*, cited Covid-19 lockdowns as one of the primary drags on business. The firm trades globally through 62 Church's stores as well as independent stockists, many of which are in countries that were still unlocking last year. Nine

of its outlets are in the UK and had to remain closed for months. The company summed it up with: "The year has been challenging."

Are consumers stripping back?

That may be part of it, but Church's has stuck to its guns. It emerged last year that the firm would increase its prices to reposition the brand at a higher price point. Church's was acquired by the luxury Italian group Prada in 1999, and some shoppers have complained that there has been a downgrade in quality since then.

How will the brand tighten up?

Prada hopes that Denni Manzatto, who took over as chief executive



of the shoe brand earlier this year, can turn its fate around. The former commercial director for Prada's wholesale, eyewear and fragrance licences has been tasked with a rebrand of the heritage label.

FINANCE

IMF moves to avert food crisis with emergency fund

By Jorgelina Do Rosario

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is moving to avoid a worldwide food crisis with additional emergency funding, as countries face soaring prices further spurred on by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The UN agency met yesterday to discuss plans to give Ukraine and other struggling countries further money to contend with inflated food prices but with fewer conditions than its regular funding programmes.

Sources said that the size and the scope of the measures was not yet clear, but said that a formal vote to back the measure is expected before the IMF's annual meeting in October.

If approved, it would temporarily increase existing access limits and allow all member countries to borrow up to an additional 50 per cent of their IMF quota under the IMF's rapid financing instrument, and the rapid credit instrument that serves low-income countries.

"The concept is simple, but it could help many countries," a source said.

Food prices surged worldwide after the start of the war given blocked supply routes, sanctions and other trade restrictions, although a deal to resume exports of grain from Ukrainian ports last month has helped lower prices in recent weeks.

In July the IMF predicted that in-



Combines harvest wheat in Solyanoye in Omsk region, Russia REUTERS

flation will reach 6.6 per cent in developed economies this year, and 9.5 per cent in emerging market and developing economies, posing a "clear risk" to global economic stability.

Many African countries and other poor nations suffering food shortages and acute hunger have clamoured for increased funds from the IMF.

The bank's proposal would offer some limited help to Ukraine, but the country's officials say they need a "full-fledged" financing package as they scramble to

keep the government running. An IMF spokesperson said it "continues to closely engage with the Ukrainian authorities and is currently exploring all feasible options to provide further support to Ukraine".

{i} Food is the **single largest category in inflation baskets** in many developing nations, including half of India's and Pakistan's, IMF data shows.

ECONOMY

Former Bank policymaker's warning on falling pound

By Laurie Havelock

Former Bank of England policymaker Andrew Sentance has warned that the pound could fall further in value if the Government's energy price guarantee plan is more than a temporary measure.

The former interest rate setter said the UK Government currently has room to borrow more and is right to provide a short-term cushion against surging energy prices.

"What markets would be concerned about is if it's somehow going to be a long-term addition to public borrowing that would be difficult to reverse," Mr Sentance (*inset*) said. "That would be the trigger for more concern and perhaps more decline for sterling."

"The UK has quite a lot of borrowing capacity," Mr Sentance said. "If that's used sensibly to tide the economy through a difficult period, that's one thing that government borrowing is there for."

He said the Bank of England probably will have to raise interest rates to 3-4 per cent next year from the existing 1.75 per cent to control inflation, which has risen to a 40-year high of 10.1 per cent.

The pound's slump against the dollar probably will not benefit the economy much for years to come, he said.

"One of the characteristics of the UK economy is that exports are not that price sensitive," Mr Sentance (*inset*) said. "We export mainly high value manufactured goods and services, and those things are not very exchange rate-sensitive."

At one stage sterling fell to its lowest level since early 2021 against a robust euro yesterday.



From the business pages

10 million excess homes predicted

Nikkei

Japan will probably see an excess supply of 10 million dwelling units in 2023, due partly to government housing policy through the 2000s that ignored falling demand caused by a shrinking population. The glut will further aggravate the problem of unoccupied homes, which topped 8.49 million in 2018. Ministerial figures show a total of 62.41 million dwelling units as of 2018.

Dubai refuses to extradite Briton

The National

A Dubai court refused Denmark's request to extradite British hedge fund trader Sanjay Shah over an alleged \$1.7bn (£1.45bn) tax fraud. Denmark's tax authority alleges Mr Shah was a central player in a scheme in which foreign businesses pretended to own shares in Danish companies and claim tax refunds for which they were not eligible.

Fed governor backs raising interest rate

The Wall Street Journal

A Federal Reserve official suggested he would support raising interest rates by another 0.75 percentage point later this month to combat inflation. "Inflation is far from our goal, so more action is needed," Fed governor Christopher Waller said. Officials are debating whether to raise rates by 0.5 point and 0.75 point at a 20-21 September policy meeting.

Unions and bosses agree rail pay rise

De Telegraaf

After several strikes, Dutch rail unions and management have reached an agreement for an average wage increase of 9.25 per cent. Experts fear the pay award could spark a substantial wave of disputes and wage increases. "If a substantial increase is agreed in one sector, it will flow to other sectors," economist Piet Rietman of ABN Amro said. Higher ticket prices to pay for the deal are also likely, other experts said.

PROPERTY

Buyers have 1,000 fewer mortgage choices

By Vicky Shaw

Borrowers have nearly 1,000 fewer mortgage deals to choose from than they did a year ago, with more than 500 deals vanishing since last month.

The number of available fixed and variable rate home loans has

shrunk to 3,890 – marking the lowest level since April 2021, Moneyfacts.co.uk said.

There were 517 fewer residential mortgages available in September than the total counted by Moneyfacts a month earlier, in August.

There are also now 1,425 fewer

mortgages than there were at the start of December 2021, before the recent run of Bank of England base rate rises.

Moneyfacts said that the fall of available mortgage products has been happening across the range of deposit sizes.

UNITED STATES

Ex-security chief to discuss Twitter claims

By Nivedita Balu

Twitter whistleblower Peiter Zatkó will meet the US Senate judiciary committee today to discuss his claims that the social media giant had poor online security. Twitter is also holding a special meeting for shareholders to vote on the merger.

Mr Zatkó has alleged incompetence and fraud at Twitter. The former head of security claims he uncovered "extreme, egregious deficiencies by Twitter in every area of his mandate", including poor controls of employee access to data and interference by foreign governments.

Twitter said payments to Mr Zatkó did not breach any terms of its \$44bn (£37.6bn) buyout by Elon Musk, who says it is another reason to scrap the deal.

Twitter's lawyers, in a letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday, said the latest reason for termination is "invalid and wrongful" and it has not breached any of its representations or obligations under the merger agreement.

The lawyers said following approval from shareholders today, all of the conditions to close the deal will be satisfied, aside from those that occur at the closing.

In a letter to Twitter, lawyers for Mr Musk said Twitter's failure to seek his consent before paying \$7.75m to Mr Zatkó and his lawyers violated the merger agreement, which restricts when Twitter could make such payments.

SERVICES

Serco chief to leave in December

By David Connett

Outsourcing group Serco said chief executive Rupert Soames (*inset*) will step down from his role at the end of December.

Mr Soames, grandson of former prime minister Sir Winston Churchill, joined the firm in 2014 and led Serco through some difficult years.

The company was fined nearly £23m after admitting five offences of fraud and false accounting between 2010 and 2013 over electronic tagging contracts.

It also paid a £70m settlement to the Justice ministry after it faced

allegations of charging for tagging people who were either dead, in jail, or had left the country.

He also led the company through the pandemic when

Serco benefited from being a supplier supporting the UK's test-and-trace programme.

Mr Soames said it had been "the privilege of my working life" to lead Serco but "it is now time to outsource myself".

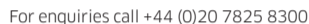
Serco provides defence, security, immigration, health and transport services for governments. He will be succeeded by Mark Irwin, head of Serco's UK and Europe division.



*The day
at a glance*



Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
Rio Tinto	4944.5	+1.74%	6343.0	4354.0
Rolls-Royce	80.7	+2.84%	161.9	69.6
RS Group	1118.0	+1.73%	1276.0	790.0
Sage	754.4	+0.94%	862.2	587.7
Sainsbury(J)	213.4	+5.33%	307.8	197.5
Schroders	2730.0	+2.63%	3913.0	2578.0
Scot Mott Inv Tst	849.6	+1.43%	1568.5	670.6
Segro	946.6	+1.72%	1508.0	888.8
Severn Trent	2808.0	+1.63%	3228.0	2561.0
Shell	2321.5	+0.93%	2459.2	1833.4
Smith&Neph	1105.0	+0.05%	1379.6	994.8
Smith (DS)	288.3	+3.26%	464.1	258.4
Smiths Gp	1575.0	+2.47%	1642.0	1323.0
Smurfit Kappa Grp	3015.0	+4.07%	4224.4	2623.0
Spirax-Sarco Eng	11060.0	+1.79%	17225.0	9008.0
SE	1805.5	+0.87%	1935.5	1510.0
Stan Chart	627.2	+2.12%	641.0	406.2
St James Place	1167.5	+2.14%	1742.5	1044.0
Taylor Wimpey	110.7	+2.12%	179.7	101.8
Tesco	253.1	+5.50%	304.1	237.4
Unilever	4020.5	+1.71%	4109.5	3267.5
Unite Group	1070.0	+1.81%	1209.0	934.0
United Utilities	1078.0	+2.08%	1186.9	961.8
Vodafone	110.6	+1.92%	141.6	106.3
Whitbread	2673.0	+2.73%	3465.4	2382.0
WPP	797.6	+3.42%	1231.5	719.9



FTSE 100	7473.0	+1.66%
FTSE 250	19513.9	+1.70%
FTSE All Share	4108.2	+1.65%
FTSE Eurofirst300	1686.5	+1.70%
Dow Jones *	32367.3	+0.67%
S&P 500 *	4104.5	+0.91%
Nasdaq *	12236.2	+1.02%
DAX	13402.3	+2.40%
CAC 40	6333.6	+1.95%
Hang Seng	19362.2	%
Nikkei	28542.1	+1.16%



the markets

The **FTSE 100** ended the day up 121.96 points, or 1.66 per cent, at 7,473.03. The biggest risers were retailer

Kingfisher, up 14.8p at 256.9p, and supermarket chain **Sainsbury's**, up 5.33p at 213.4p. The greatest fallers were investment trust **Pershing Square Holdings**, down 20p at 2,855p, and investment managers **M&G**, down 2.4p at 201.7p.

Elsewhere in Europe, the German **DAX** improved 2.4 per cent by the end

of the session and the French **CAC** finished 1.95 per cent higher. Brent crude oil rose 1.99 per cent to \$94.69 per barrel when the markets closed.

The **pound** closed up at \$1.1698, compared with \$1.1593 at the previous close. The **euro** ended at £0.8658, compared with £0.8664 previously.

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Diagram illustrating a sequence of operations on a 5-element array [2, 4, 1, 3, 5] to sort it using bubble sort. The steps shown are:

- Initial array: [2, 4, 1, 3, 5]
- Step 1: [5, 1, 3, 4, 2] (2 and 4 swapped)
- Step 2: [1, 3, 5, 2, 4] (1 and 2 swapped)
- Step 3: [4, 5, 2, 1, 3] (2 and 1 swapped)
- Step 4: [3, 2, 4, 5, 1] (2 and 3 swapped)

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Today's Weather

Most places will be dry and sunny however there will be cloud and rain across southern counties of England and north-west Scotland.

Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	18	F	7.1
Aberporth	21	DR	0.9
Aberystwyth	21	C	4.0
Aviemore	15	C	4.1
Belfast	16	F	4.6
Birmingham	20	C	4.1
Bournemouth	24	S	4.3
Bridlington	19	C	4.8
Bristol	24	F	1.5
Cardiff	22	C	0.0
Cromer	22	C	5.9
Durham	20	C	1.6
Eastbourne	22	F	0.0
Edinburgh	17	F	4.0
Eskdalemuir	17	C	4.4
Glasgow	16	C	12.2
Holyhead	16	R	6.1
Hove	22	F	0.0
Hull	19	C	7.8
Huntingdon	23	F	0.1
Ipswich	24	C	0.0
Isle of Man	16	C	3.2
Isle of Wight	23	F	0.0
Kinlochewe	13	SH	7.5
Kirkwall	14	SH	8.7
Leeds	19	C	9.0
Lerwick	12	F	18.8
Leuchars	18	F	7.0
Lincoln	22	F	3.5
Liverpool	19	DR	8.6
London	24	F	0.0
Manchester	19	R	16.5
Margate	23	F	0.0
Milford Haven	21	F	3.0
Morecambe	18	C	11.2
Newcastle	17	F	3.0
Norwich	26	S	1.6
Nottingham	21	R	2.7
Okehampton	22	C	0.0
Oxford	23	F	0.6
Plymouth	22	C	0.0
Portland	21	F	0.0
Portsmouth	22	F	0.0
Prestwick	16	F	3.0
Rhyl	19	R	7.1
Sheffield	20	C	1.9
Shrewsbury	21	R	1.5
Skegness	22	C	4.1
Southend	24	F	0.0
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Stornoway	14	R	7.2
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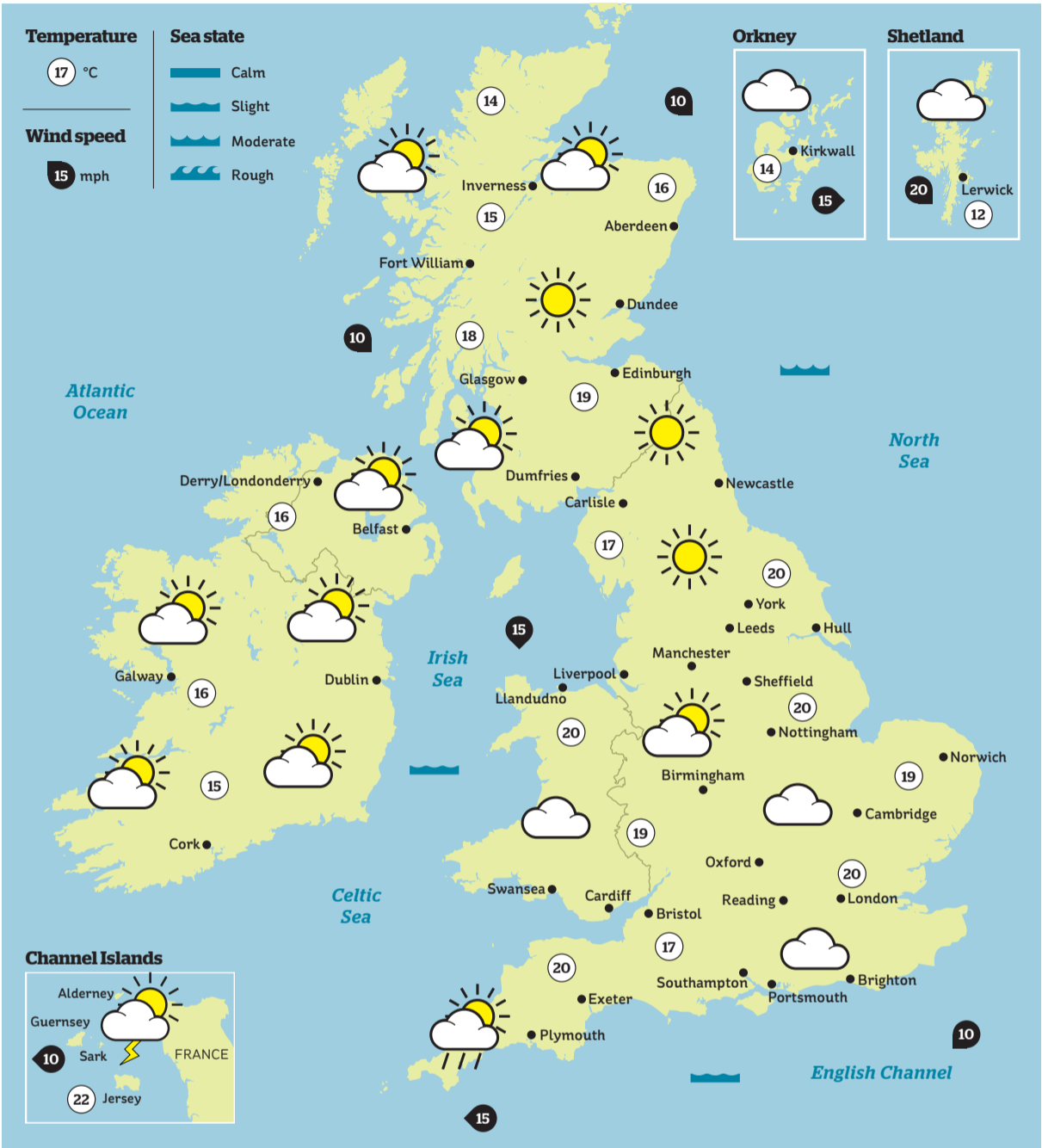
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City	Temp	Cond	City	Temp	Cond
Abu Dhabi	38	F	Miami	33	C
Abuja	28	C	Milan	26	S
Alicante	31	S	Moscow	11	F
Amsterdam	22	F	Mumbai	29	TH
Athens	30	S	Munich	19	S
Bangkok	31	F	New York	23	DR
Barcelona	30	F	Nice	26	S
Beijing	29	S	Palma	34	S
Berlin	19	F	Paris	25	F
Brussels	22	S	Prague	19	F
Budapest	20	F	Reykjavik	10	C
Chicago	19	SH	Rio	20	C
Delhi	34	F	Rome	28	S
Dubai	39	F	Stockholm	19	F
Dublin	16	DR	Strasbourg	23	S
Frankfurt	22	F	Sydney	19	F
Geneva	21	S	Tenerife	27	S
Helsinki	16	S	Tokyo	29	DR
Hong Kong	33	F	Toronto	23	C
Istanbul	24	SH	Vancouver	25	C
Johannesburg	26	S	Vienna	19	F
Lisbon	20	R	Warsaw	13	C
Los Angeles	29	F	Washington	25	R
Madrid	30	F	Wellington	14	F

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle, F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain, S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Sleet, SN=Snow, SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm

Air Pollution Index

Region	Today	Tomorrow
Highlands	2	2
North East Scotland	2	2
Central Scotland	2	2
Scottish Borders	2	2
Northern Ireland	2	2
North West & Mersey	2	2
North East	2	2
Yorkshire & Humber	2	2
North Wales	2	2
West Midlands	2	2
East Midlands	2	2
South Wales	2	2
South West	2	3
South East	2	3
Eastern	3	3
Greater London	2	3



GENERAL SITUATION An area of low pressure will be centred over Scandinavia and a trailing cold front will extend across southern counties of England bringing cloudy skies and outbreaks of rain and showers which will be locally heavy and persistent with a threat of thunderstorms. Further north, a ridge of high pressure will build bringing a fine day as most places will be dry with long spells of sunshine. Cloud will build into the north-west.

Channel Is: A dull start to the day with cloudy skies and outbreaks of patchy drizzle or light rain during the morning. There will be variable amounts of cloud around during

the afternoon with a threat of showers, however cloud will break and sunny spells will develop. There will be brisk easterly winds. Max temp: 25C. Tonight, thunderstorms. Min temp: 16C.

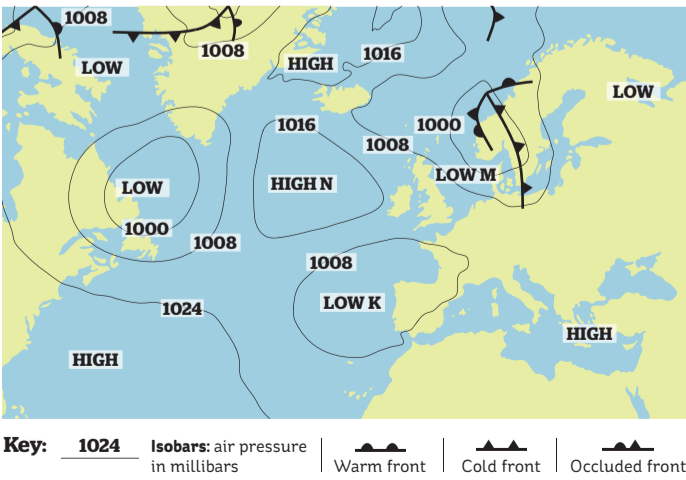
SE England, London, Cen S England, SW England: A dull and damp start to the day with cloudy skies and outbreaks of rain. It will continue to be unsettled during the day with thick cloud cover and rain which will be locally heavy and persistent with a threat of thunderstorms. There will be gentle to brisk easterly and north-easterly winds. Max temp: 21C. Tonight, heavy rain. Min temp: 12C.

Midlands, E Anglia, S Wales: A dry and bright start to the day with early spells of sunshine however variable amounts of cloud cover will build into southern areas during the day bringing outbreaks of patchy rain and drizzle, mostly during the afternoon and evening. There will be light to gentle north-easterly winds. Max temp: 21C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 8C.

N Wales, E England, NE England, NW England, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, SE Scotland, SW Scotland, IoM, NE Scotland: Any early mist and fog will soon lift and clear. It will then be dry and bright during the day with long spells of

autumnal sunshine and just some patchy fair-weather cloud cover around. A fine evening as it will be dry and sunny. There will be light to gentle northerly and north-westerly winds. Max temp: 20C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 6C.

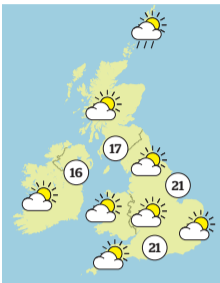
NW Scotland, W Isles, N Isles: Early patches of mist will clear. It will then be mainly dry during the day however it will be dull with large areas of cloud cover around and there is a threat of a few isolated and light showers developing. A few brighter spells will also develop. There will be gentle to brisk north-westerly winds. Max temp: 18C. Tonight, cloudy. Min temp: 6C.



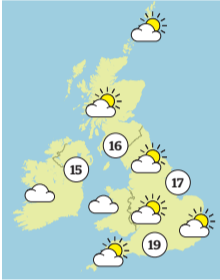
SYNOPTIC PRESSURE Low K will remain west to Portugal with a similar strength. A few associated fronts will push into southern coastal areas of the UK, bringing spells of rain. Low M will continue to move further eastwards over Scandinavia. High N will gradually build in from the west, bringing settled conditions over the coming days.

HIGHS AND LOWS	HOURS OF DARKNESS
(Yesterday, up to 2pm)	
Warmest: Mildenhall RAF Base, Suffolk, 27C	Aberdeen 19.33-06.37
Coldest: Stornoway, Western Isles, 9C	Birmingham 19.27-06.39
Wettest: Porthmadog, Gwynedd, 33.2mm	Bristol 19.29-06.43
Sunniest: Jersey, Channel Islands, 10.0hrs	Cardiff 19.31-06.45
	Glasgow 19.40-06.46
	Hull 19.22-06.32
	Inverness 19.41-06.43
	Liverpool 19.32-06.43
	London 19.20-06.33
	Manchester 19.29-06.40
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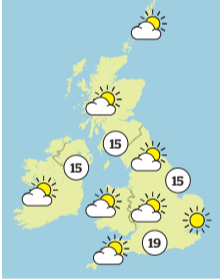
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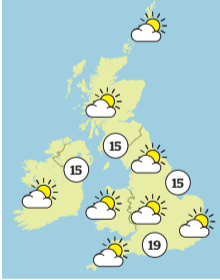
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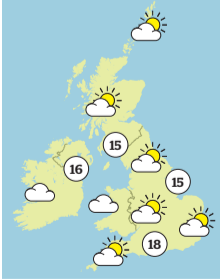
THURSDAY Largely dry and bright with long sunny spells, variable cloud and showers possible across Scotland. Gentle to brisk northerly winds.



FRIDAY Mainly dry with sunny spells. A risk of showers in the east. Gentle to brisk northerly winds will be strong for North Sea coastal areas.



SATURDAY Dry with long sunny spells, variable cloud and a few showers. Light to brisk north-westerly winds will be strong in the north-east.



SUNDAY More in the way of cloud around but most places will be dry. A few light showers are possible. Light to brisk northerly winds.

TENNIS

The new king of New York can dethrone Nadal and Djokovic

World No 1 Alcaraz has talent and mentality to lead a new era of tennis

James Gray

IN NEW YORK



The same question entered most people's minds on Sunday night after watching a 19-year-old, now the youngest No 1 in history, Carlos Alcaraz lift the US Open trophy: is this the dawning of a new era?

We have been here before, and in New York too. Alcaraz is the third consecutive US Open champion to be winning his first major, but somehow this felt different.

Dominic Thiem was a gritty and effective player with a fearsome forehand and a majestic one-handed backhand; Daniil Medvedev was an amazing mover with an enormous serve and wingspan. Yet not many people quite believed that either would be the one to retire Rafael Nadal,

Novak Djokovic and, to a lesser extent, Roger Federer.

Medvedev came close, reaching world No 1 and spending 16 weeks there in total, but he blew a two-set lead to Nadal in Australia earlier this year which served as a reminder that the greatest of all-timers, the protagonists of the GOAT era, are not done yet.

Alcaraz announced himself at the elite level with three straight wins in Madrid over Djokovic, Nadal and Zverev to claim the title, one of now five bits of silverware he has picked up in a stellar year. His accession to the upper echelons of the game was artificially steep because of the pandemic, without which he surely would have achieved this feat earlier – “why not,” his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero said – and because of which his star is maybe even brighter by contrast.

“I don’t want to put myself a limit,” Alcaraz said when asked for a target. “I want to just stay in the No 1 for many, for many weeks, many years! And of course trying to win tournaments and, of course, I hope that this US Open is the first of many.”

One thing that is clear: injury notwithstanding, he is here to stay. Can he get up to the levels of those who have come before him?

“I have the goal to put him on the high level of tennis,” said former



world No 1 Ferrero. “Of course, it’s going to be very, very difficult to achieve what they [Nadal, Djokovic and Roger Federer] have done on tennis.”

“We’re talking about 22 grand slams. He has only one. Is a long way still to go. But who knows? He has all the tennis and potential to be one of the best. All we have to do is try it.”

Try is all very well. They are

I just want to stay in the No 1 position for many weeks. I hope that this US Open is the first of many

already queuing up to knock him off his perch.

THE OLD-TIMERS

Rafael Nadal would have been world

No 1 if neither Alcaraz or Casper Ruud had reached the final. He won two grand slam titles this year and few would have liked to bet against him winning a third if he had not torn an abdominal muscle at Wimbledon earlier this year.

There is no doubt that his body is starting to give up on him but when fit he remains a threat to any slam.

So too Novak Djokovic, who has not had the same level of injury

i Emma Raducanu shrugged off a plunge in the world rankings as she made a winning start at the Slovenia Open. The 19-year-old Briton beat Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine, who retired near the end at 6-2, 5-3.

FORMULA ONE

Hamilton's record in peril as Verstappen closes in

By Philip Duncan

Lewis Hamilton fears he will end the season without recording a single victory for the first time in his Formula One career after describing Max Verstappen as “almost unbeatable”.

Verstappen could clinch his second world championship at the next round in Singapore on 2 October after taking the 11th win of his title defence at Sunday’s Italian Grand Prix.

Hamilton (above) started 19th and finished fifth in Monza, but the seven-time world champion faces losing his record of claiming at least one win in each of the seasons



he has competed in since his debut campaign in 2007.

“We have to be realistic,” said Hamilton, 37. “That Red Bull is almost unbeatable. It’s going to take some real doing to beat that car. Performance-wise we have not caught them, and we don’t have upgrades coming to enable us to overtake them. It’s not impossible, because we could have beaten them in Budapest. But Max is generally chilled at the front, so you can never tell their true pace.”

Verstappen holds a 116-point lead over Charles Leclerc with only six rounds remaining and 164 points available.

By Dan Austin

Throughout the seven decades of its history, Formula One has considered itself a “meritocracy”, the pinnacle of motorsport where the greatest drivers on earth compete for glory.

In some cases, though, is it quite clear that a driver has been hired for reasons other than their talent. Last season, Nikita Mazepin delivered a series of embarrassing of performances for Haas at the back of the grid, having been hired so that the team could gratefully receive sponsorship from his billionaire oligarch father.

Aston Martin’s Lance Stroll regularly faces accusations of nepotism owing his team being owned by his father, billionaire

Lawrence Stroll. Fellow Canadian Nicholas Latifi, meanwhile, is the only full-time driver not to have scored a point so far in 2022. The 27-year-old’s family provides the wealth behind food company Sofina, which heavily sponsors the Williams car.

Now, three drivers are about to test the robustness of F1’s meritocracy claims in very different ways.

NYCK DE VRIES

If F1 seats were given out to those who come up the ranks by the book and impress most, Nyck de Vries would already be racing in it full-time.

In 2019, the 27-year-old was the

champion of Formula 2. Despite close links with McLaren, he was passed up for a race seat and instead joined Formula E, becoming world champion with Mercedes while also serving as a test driver in F1.

This season he has driven in practice for Mercedes, Williams, and Aston Martin, and on Sunday made his first race start in bizarre circumstances. Having driven for Aston Martin around Monza on Friday,

De Vries was called up by Williams to replace Alex Albon, who had appendicitis, and started eighth before finishing ninth to score two points on his debut and equal the team’s best result of the season.

Meet the three drivers set to test F1's

If F1 seats were given out to those who come up the ranks and impress most, De Vries would already be racing in it



troubles and only missed half of the grand slams this year because of his decision not to get vaccinated. Reports in Australia this week suggest he is in line to have his ban from the country lifted, and the US appears to be moving towards removing the vaccine mandate for overseas travellers in the future.

THE 'NEXT GENERATION'

Of the group originally billed to

Carlos Alcaraz poses with the championship trophy in Times Square, New York yesterday after the 19-year-old Spaniard won the men's singles title on Sunday AP

overtake Djokovic, Nadal and Federer; Daniil Medvedev was the party-pooper at Flushing Meadows last year, denying Djokovic the grand slam in the 28th and final match of his sweep. He then knocked the Serb off top spot in the rankings too.

It has been a difficult summer though, as he underwent surgery on a hernia that wiped out his clay season and was banned from Wimbledon on account of his nationality. On his return on hard courts he has been beaten by Stefanos Tsitsipas and Nick Kyrgios (twice), both of whom will believe they too can beat Alcaraz at slams, albeit Tsitsipas needs to learn to deal with press and Kyrgios needs to learn to deal with himself. Alexander Zverev should be back fit from an ankle injury next year and is as dangerous on clay as he is on hard courts.

Two years of injury seem to have destroyed a dominant Dominic Thiem but he is very slowly working his way back and was the best clay-courtier in the world, even beating Nadal, when he was last fully fit.

PEERS AND RIVALS

Jannik Sinner and Alcaraz put on the match of the tournament in the quarter-finals, battling over five sets and more than four hours, finally closing out just before 3am in the latest ever US Open finish.

Sinner is less than two years older than Alcaraz and has gone through his "difficult second season", reaching the quarter-finals of the 2020 French Open but taking until the 2022 Australian Open to get back to that stage. (He did in that time win four minor ATP titles, in fairness.) The Italian has won at least three matches at every slam this year.

THE WILDCARDS

Canadian pair Félix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov have the highest ceiling outside of those mentioned above but currently lack the consistency. Frances Tiafoe proved at this tournament he can mix it with the best and is in the top 20 for the first time. Britain's Jack Draper is a new top-50 player now too and is an exciting, big-hitting talent.

RACING

Baaeed omen as Arc trials bring collective Gallic shrug

By Jon Freeman

RACING EDITOR

It was Arc Trials Day on Sunday, not that many will have noticed with everything going on at Doncaster and the Curragh.

And even if Longchamp had been handed the stage to itself, it is unlikely that the results of the Prix Foy, Prix Vermeille and Prix Niel would have generated much more than a collective Gallic shrug from the vast majority who believe that only one horse can win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, provided he turns up. That horse is Baaeed.

If it has not registered, the first trial was won by Iresene, the second (a Group One) by Sweet Lady and the third by Simca Mille.

As often as not in recent decades, the Arc winner warmed up in one of these mock exams, but this time none of the winners, or any of the beaten horses, has caused even a ripple in the betting market.

The stated intention is to run the brilliant Baaeed in Paris on 2 October unless the ground is silly soft, and if he does make the gig he will go off as one of shortest priced favourites ever in this world-famous contest, first run in 1920.

If the Arc trials were perhaps irrelevant, it might be a different story as far as the Irish Champion Stakes is concerned with last Saturday's first two, Luxembourg and Onesto, both up for the Baaeed challenge and perhaps even challenging each other for favouritism on the day if William Haggas's unbeaten colt is thwarted by the weather.

But to put their undeniably fine Leopardstown efforts into perspective, the horse two lengths behind them in fourth, Mishriff, was previously swept aside by more than three times that distance by Baaeed in the Juddmonte International at York.

commitment to meritocracy

FELIPE DRUGOVICH

On Saturday at Monza the 22-year-old Brazilian Felipe Drugovich became the latest Formula Two champion, beating teenage Sauber junior driver Théo Pourchaire to the crown after a thoroughly dominant campaign.

Though Drugovich is not really even in the conversation for one of the potentially open race seats at Alpine, AlphaTauri, Haas or Williams, he was signed by Aston Martin yesterday as the first member of their driver development programme.

Aston Martin said the plan was for Drugovich to drive in first free practice at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in November and also to take part in a young driver test at the Yas Marina circuit.



Nyck de Vries



Felipe Drugovich



Colton Herta

COLTON HERTA

When Alpine knocked at AlphaTauri's door to ask about luring Pierre Gasly away in order to replace the outgoing Fernando Alonso, operators Red Bull became open to the idea if they could sign American IndyCar star Colton Herta in his stead.

Herta is a seven-time race winner in Indy, the highest level of single-seater racing in North America. He tested for McLaren earlier this year, impressing team principal Andreas Seidl significantly.

The fates of all three of De Vries, Drugovich and Herta will be decided in the coming weeks. The individual and collective outcomes will tell us plenty about how F1 measures itself, and how it wants to be defined in the future.

1 top tips

BEST BET

Prairie Falcon

(2.53, Redcar)

Missed the break badly last time after gutsy victory in competitive Goodwood nursery.

NEXT BEST

Thankuappreciate

(2.18, Redcar)

Getting the idea now and fancied to follow up his recent maiden win at Ripon.

ONE TO WATCH

Safe Voyage finished with a real rattle at Leopardstown and is ready to win a decent prize again.

UTTOXETER GOOD

3.00 QUINNIBET.COM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 5)
£10,400 added 3m

1	-31332	CREMANT (D)(BF)	N Mulholland 8 12 0	S Twiston-Davies C,T
2	-1232F	GETTHEPOT (BF)	F O'Brien 7 11 11	K Woods C,T
3	48-426	DICEY RIELLY	P Bowen 5 11 9	J Bowen T
4	844P-P	FANTOMAS	N Twiston-Davies 6 11 6	F Lambert (7)
5	91-774	BOLSOVER BILL (D)	W Greatrex 5 11 3	H Brooke C
6	636446	LIL CODEY	B Barr 6 10 13	A Cheteda (5) T

- 6 declared -
BETTING: 15-8 Cremant, 2-1 Getthepot, 5-1 Dickey Rielly, 8-1 Bolsover Bill, 10-1 Fantomas, 12-1 Lil Codey.

4.10 QUINNIBET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3) £24,200 added 2m 6f 108yds

1	252713	RED HAPPY	D Pipe 5 12 0	T Scudamore B,T
2	1F4-83	THE GOLDEN REBEL (BF)	B Case 8 11 12	H Bannister
3	56-F14	TOPOFTHECOTSWOLDS (C)	N Twiston-Davies 8 11 11	Doubtful
4	2135-3	QUARTZ DU RHEU	Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 9	Jonjo O'Neill Jr
5	213111	JUDGE EARLE (CD)	P Bowen 10 11 17(ex)	S Bowen
6	-2F233	SHETLAND BUS (D)	Dr R Newland 9 10 12	L Edwards C,T
7	745-66	CANELO (D)	B Haslam 9 10 10	R McLernon
8	7221-1	KINONDO KWETU (D)	S England 6 10 10	J England

- 8 declared -
BETTING: 9-4 Kinondo Kwetu, 5-2 Judge Earle, 4-1 Red Happy, 10-1 Quartz Du Rheu, Shetland Bus, The Golden Rebel, 12-1 Canelo.

4.45 QUINNIBET QUARTERBACK MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4) £11,100 added 2m

1	4222-2	FORTUNES MELODY (BF)	H Fry 5 12 0	B Bromley (7) T
2	F13-31	ADDOSH (D)	S Edmunds 4 12 0	C Gettings
3	1234-6	LAURA BULLION (D)	Deborah Cole 6 11 12	C Ward (5) T
4	-82226	PILLAR OF STEEL (CD)	J Spearing 7 11 10	Jamie Moore C
5	51P4-8	PROGRESSIVE (D)	N Henderson 5 11 9	N De Boinville
6	216134	LADY RESET (D)	D Pipe 6 11 5	P Armson (5) C,T
7	153-52	GALAH	M Harris 4 10 11	M Bastyan T
8	124315	DURRAGH (CD)	D McCain 5 10 5	B Hughes

- 8 declared -
BETTING: 2-1 Addosh, 10-3 Fortunes Melody, 11-2 Lady Reset, 15-2 Pillar Of Steel, Progressive, 10-1 Durragh, Galah, 25-1 Laura Bullion.

WOLVERHAMPTON STANDARD

6.30 FOLLOW ATHERACES ON TWITTER NURSERY (CLASS 4) 2YO £10,800 added 1m 1f 104yds

1	74376	MANIFESTED	R Hannon 9 9	Rossa Ryan B 2
2	206	FORCEFUL SPEED	G Boughey 9 8	S Osborne (3) 3
3	9281	PERFECT PLAY	C & M Johnston 9 8	R Kingscote 4
4	219	DIVINA GRACE	R Guest 9 7	C Shepherd 1
5	47638	EAGLE PRINCE	B Ellison 8 13	H Russell (3) V 5

- 5 declared -
BETTING: 15-8 Perfect Play, 5-2 Divina Grace, 9-2 Forceful Speed, Manifested, 15-2 Eagle Prince.

7.30 SKY SPORTS RACING HD VIRGIN 535 HANDICAP (CLASS 4) £10,800 added 7f

1	411448	SPARTAN FIGHTER (C)(D)	A Brittain 5 10 2	H Russell (3) V 4
2	-30400	RUSSCO (CD)	D McCain 4 10 0	C Rodriguez 5
3	94983-	DAAFR (C)(D)	A Brittain 6 10 0	C Hardie V 9
4	11197-	BERTIE'S WISH (C)(D)	J Candlish 4 9 13	K O'Neill 3
5	-37626	BRAINS	J Butler 6 9 12	Grace McEntee (3) 10
6	313-54	AL SHIBLI	R Hannon 3 9 12	D O'Neill 2
7	174014	DAYMAN (CD)	D Loughnane 3 9 11	R Kingscote H 7
8	6-5302	KIT GABRIEL	Miss A Murphy 3 9 10	H Davies (3) C 1
9	582283	MANHATTANVILLE (D)	E Dunlop 3 9 8	R Hornby V 11
10	-18721	DYNAMIC TALENT (D)	Darryll Holland 3 9 8	D Probert B,T 6
11	-51534	ROCKET YOGI (D)(BF)	J Chapple-Hyam 3 9 4	P Bradley (3) 8
12	3-4387	POET	S Dixon 3 9 2	Jefferson Smith C 12

- 12 declared -
BETTING: 7-2 Dynamic Talent, 9-2 Dayman, 11-2 Kit Gabriel, 13-2 Rocket Yogi, 15-2 Manhattanville, 8-1 Al Shibli, 14-1 Daafr, Brains, 16-1 others.

YARMOUTH GOOD TO SOFT

2.10 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) 2YO £11,900 added 6f

1	ABRAVAGGIO	G Margaron 9 7	J F Egan 12
2	ARARAT	D M Simcock 9 7	J P Spencer H 5
3	0 DARK KESTREL	J & T Gosden 9 7	R Havlin T 15
4	3 DICKO THE LEGEND	Joseph Parr 9 7	D Muscutt 4
5	GLOBAL VOLITION	C Dwyer 9 7	T Hammer Hansen 6
6	MOJITO BOY	C Hills 9 7	T P Queally 1
7	2 PROVERB	G Boughey 9 7	W Buick 10
8	9 REWILDING	R Cowell 9 7	H Turner 2
9	7 SAVE THE WORLD	J Chapple-Hyam 9 7	H Doyle 9
10	89 SKYBLUE EXPERT	Alice Haynes 9 7	C Howarth (5) 7
11	SPARTAN ARROW	S & E Crisford 9 7	David Egan T 11
12	0 SPEZIATO	K P De Foy 9 7	M Harley 8
13	SSENWAN	W Haggas 9 7	Doubtful 13
14	ZOOLOGY	J Ferguson 9 7	C Fallon 3
15	59 SPEEDWELL	Alice Haynes 9 2	S M Levey 14

- 15 declared -
BETTING: 7-4 Proverb, 4-1 Dicko The Legend, 6-1 Spartan Arrow, 13-2 Zoology, 10-1 Dark Kestrel, 12-1 Ararat, Mojito Boy, 16-1 others.

3.55 FRIARY FARM CARAVAN PARK HANDICAP (CLASS 4) £10,800 added 1m 2f

1	-15575	RAAJIL	Tom Clover 4 10 3	J Mitchell 8
2	381661	MAGICAL MILE (D)	I Mohammed 4 9 13	B Sayette (3) V 9
3	70-143	GLEN ESK (D)(BF)	C Wall 5 9 11	Katya Fraser (7) 3
4	8-5283	KAARANAH	J Butler 4 9 11	D Muscutt 5
5	65-310	STORM CASTLE (D)	J & T Gosden 3 9 11	R Havlin T
6	614139	TARBAA	Miss A Murphy 3 9 10	T Marquand T 4
7	322452	ADMIRALTY HOUSE	A King 3 9 10	M Harley H 10
8	2-15	CAPTAN	Sir M Stoute 3 9 7	C Fallon 2
9	3-4215	LAND OF EAGLES (D)	G Boughey 3 9 4	W Buick T 1
10	3-5667	CUMULONIMBUS	C Fellowes 3 9 1	H Doyle 6

- 10 declared -
BETTING: 4-1 Admiralty House, 5-1 Magical Mile, 11-2 Glen Esk, 6-1 Storm Castle, 7-1 Kaaranah, 8-1 Captan, Raaquil, 10-1 others.

4.30 BOB HUNT'S RACE DAY FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 3) £14,000 added 6f

1	040248	ROMANTIC TIME (C)(D)	W Stone 3 9 9	H Doyle 7
2	-55464	HELLO ME (D)	Joseph Parr 4 9 8	D Muscutt C 3
3	50-044	DUBAI JEWEL (D)	Alex French 3 9 8	S M Levey 5
4	14-705	KINGMANIA (C)	C Wall 4 9 6	J Mitchell 1
5	806555	ZIM BABY (D)(BF)	M Appleby 5 9 6	F Larson (5) H 2
6	118-02	TARHIB (CD)(BF)	W Haggas 4 9 6	J Crowley 6
7	118227	MAKAROVA (D)(BF)	E Walker 3 9 6	T Marquand 4
8	511110	DORA PENNY (D)	P Evans 3 9 4	W Buick T 8

- 8 declared -
BETTING: 2-1 Tarhib, 7-2 Makarova, 6-1 Hello Me, 15-2 Dubai Jewel, 8-1 Dora Penny, 10-1 Kingmania, Zim Baby, 14-1 Romantic Time.

5.03 MOULTON NURSERIES HANDICAP (CLASS 4) £10,800 added 5f

1	885148	JACK THE TRUTH (D)	G Scott 8 10 0	D Muscutt T 10
2	-63009	JOSIES KID (D)	Alice Haynes 3 9 12	C Howarth (5) 5
3	603966	SHANKO (D)	S C Williams 3 9 10	S M Levey T,V 3
4	235312	THE DEFIANT (D)	D Steele 6 9 7	R Clutterbuck (3) T 6
5	211016	STONE CIRCLE (CD)	M Bell 5 9 7	B Sayette (3) 4
6	120554	JAMES WATT (D)	P Midgley 6 9 7	S James C 7
7	116273	COLOMBE (D)	G Boughey 4 9 4	W Buick T 8
8	104664	HAN SOLO BERGER (CD)	R Cowell 7 9 0	H Doyle V 9
9	128568	ANGLE LAND (D)	R Cowell 3 9 0	R Havlin V 1
10	024813	HAVEONEYOURSELF (CD)	J Butler 7 8 13	David Egan 2
11	324226	GRANDFATHER TOM (CD)	R Cowell 7 8 9	H Turner V 11

- 11 declared -
BETTING: 7-2 The Defiant, 9-2 Stone Circle, 5-1 Haveoneyerself, 6-1 Colombe, 10-1 Han Solo Berger, James Watt, 12-1 others.

Sport in brief

FORMULA ONE

Albon put on ventilator post-op

Formula One driver Alex Albon suffered “respiratory failure” and was left on a ventilator following complications from surgery.

Albon, 26, was ruled out of the Italian Grand Prix in Monza with appendicitis on Saturday morning, before being transferred to nearby San Gerardo Hospital for treatment.

The Williams driver (*above*) underwent surgery but then ended up in intensive care after he required assistance breathing.

Williams say Albon was

“removed from mechanical ventilation” on Sunday and was expected to remain in hospital yesterday.



London-born driver Albon, who races under the Thai flag, spent last year on the sidelines after he was dropped by Red Bull. But he has steadily impressed since his transfer to Williams, scoring his first point for the British team at the Australian Grand Prix in April, with two further top-10 finishes in Miami and Belgium.

RUGBY UNION

Hunter defends halving match fees



England captain Sarah Hunter has defended the Rugby Football Union for halving match fees for the team’s Women’s World Cup warm-up fixtures this month.

The Red Roses beat the USA 52-14 at Sandy Park 10 days ago and face Wales at Ashton Gate tomorrow, but players will be paid only £400, rather than the usual £800, for each fixture.

“We agreed to it,” Hunter (*above*) said. “We signed our contract months ago so that we wouldn’t have to have conversations around match fees.

“We just want to focus on the game on Wednesday, then the World Cup, not on what the match fees are, what they could be or what they should be.”

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield part ways with Poching

Wakefield have announced the departure of head coach Willie Poching and his assistant Francis Cummins. Former Leeds second-rower Poching spent just over a year in the role, eventually leading Trinity to safety this season after they were embroiled in a relegation battle.

Chairman John Minards told Wakefield’s official website: “When we appointed Willie as head coach, the nature of the arrangement was that we would review the position in 12 months’ time.

“Having reached the end of the 2022 playing season and secured our Super League status, the board have carefully considered all aspects of the past 12 months and decided that we need a change in our coaching set-up as we move forward.”

FOOTBALL

‘First-class’ Wolves confirm Costa arrival

By Nick Mashiter

Wolves have snapped up Diego Costa to ease their striker crisis.

The former Chelsea striker has signed a deal until the end of the season having been a free agent.

Wolves had to appeal for a work permit after the 33-year-old did not automatically qualify, and his initial application was rejected.

He told the club’s official website: “It’s a first-class club with very good players who know how to play football and having the chance to play in the Premier League again was the main thing.

“Obviously, the club influenced my decision, especially knowing I will be able to adapt a lot more easily here not only from a technical point of view, the quality of the players, but also from the fact that a lot of the players are Portuguese and that will make my transition that much smoother.

“It wasn’t in the best terms possible on account of a player’s injury, which, unfortunately, I can only wish him nothing but the best.

“But when he [Wolves manager Bruno Lage] told me about returning to the Premier League since this [is] a championship I have related to quite a bit, always liked it and followed. No matter how much I enjoyed playing in Madrid, I felt discouraged, but this motivated me. It lit that fire within me.”

Costa arrives with Wolves having lost new £15m signing Sasa Kalajdzic to a serious knee injury. The striker suffered an anterior cruciate ligament tear on his debut, a 1-0 win over Southampton.

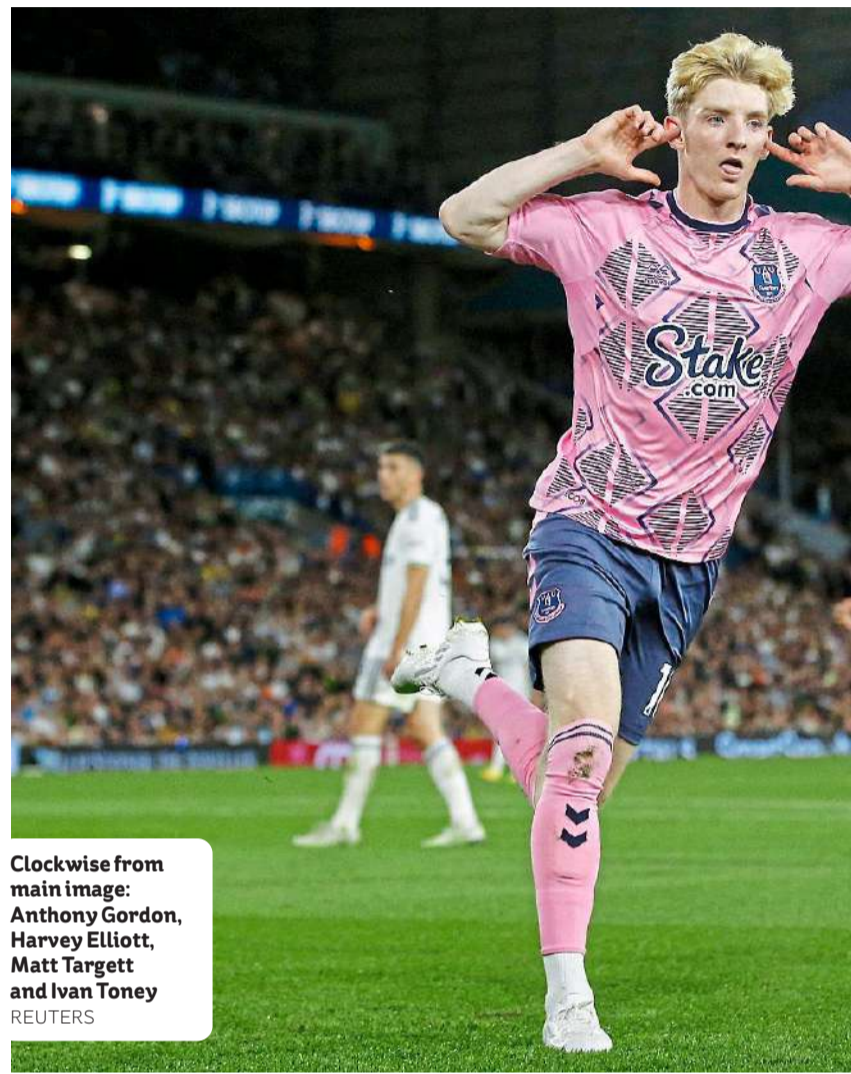
Raul Jimenez is also struggling for form and fitness with Lage’s side scoring just three goals in their opening six Premier League games.

Costa has been available since January after leaving Atletico Mineiro in Brazil. He won two Premier League titles with Chelsea and scored 58 goals in 120 games in three years at Stamford Bridge.



Diego Costa was a free agent after leaving Brazil’s Atletico Mineiro

ENGLAND



Clockwise from main image: Anthony Gordon, Harvey Elliott, Matt Targett and Ivan Toney
REUTERS

Qatar calling: Five bolters looking to force their way into Southgate’s plans

Mark Douglas

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT



Gareth Southgate doesn’t give off the air of a gambling man but given England have suffered a trying year so far, perhaps he would be better to twist than stick.

The Nations League disaster might have faded into memory but the travails of key players like Harry Maguire and Luke Shaw remain very relevant. Form has deserted some of his regulars and no international squad can carry too many passengers.

So is it time to consider who might be this year’s late bolter for Qatar? On form, at least one of these players should be under consideration when England’s latest squad is named on Thursday.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

It’s not been easy to prospect for nuggets of gold in Liverpool’s distinctly ordinary start to the new season but the emergence of 19-year-old forward

Elliott has offered reasons for positivity at Anfield.

Bouncing back with brio from a serious injury, Elliott has been brimming with attacking intent in a Reds midfield that has looked otherwise one-paced. Possessing of the kind of fearlessness that might benefit England in Qatar, Elliott is the kind of player who can break the lines in tight games.

And with a group that includes Iran, the USA and Wales, England might be confronted with counter-attacking plans that they need to contend with.

MATT TARGETT

Luke Shaw’s rapid decline from Wembley goalscorer to Manchester United bit part player leaves a left-back vacancy for Southgate to fill and, on form, Newcastle’s Targett has a compelling case for inclusion.

He lacks big name cache – to the extent that even some inside St James’ Park were open to recruiting a defender with more capacity to excite going forward – but his consistency in a team that is growing under Eddie Howe has helped grind

Results Service

BASEBALL

MLB: Baltimore 0 Boston 1, Philadelphia 7 Washington 5, New York Yankees 10 Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 3 St. Louis 4, Miami 3 New York Mets 9, Houston 12 LA Angels 4, Kansas City 4 Detroit 0, Milwaukee 7 Cincinnati 6, Minnesota 1 Cleveland 4, Texas 4 Toronto 1, Colorado 6 Arizona 12, Oakland 10 Chicago White Sox 3, San Diego 2 LA Dodgers 11, Seattle 8 Atlanta 7, Chicago Cubs 2 San Francisco 4.

HORSE RACING RESULTS

Worcester - Good to soft
1.30 1. AVIEWTOSSEA (K Woods) 5-2-2. Punxsutawney Phil 15-8 fav. 3. Skatman 2-1. 4 ran. 1 1/4. 19L (F O'Brien).
2.05 1. CLEAR THE RUNWAY (B Hughes) 4-1-2. Elios D'Or 4-1-3. Lermoo Legend 15-2. 7 ran. 5-2 fav Global Citizen (Pulled Up). 10L. 6L (L Morgan).

TENNIS

WTA SLOVENIA OPEN, Women's singles first round:
E Raducanu (GB) bt D Yastremska (Ukr) 6-2 5-3 ret.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(7.45pm unless stated)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A

Liverpool v Ajax (8)

GROUP B

Bayer Leverkusen v Atletico Madrid (8)

Porto v Club Brugge (8)

GROUP C

Bayern Munich v Barcelona (8)

Plzen v Inter Milan (5.45)

GROUP D

Marseille v Eintracht Frankfurt (8)

Sporting Lisbon v Tottenham (5.45)

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Blackburn v Watford

Huddersfield v Wigan

Hull v Stoke

Middlesbrough v Cardiff

Preston North End v Burnley (8)

Swansea v Sheffield Utd

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Barnsley v Port Vale

Burton v Portsmouth

Charlton v Forest Green

Cheltenham v Cambridge Utd

Ipswich v Bristol Rovers

Lincoln City v Derby

Milton Keynes Dons v Bolton

Morecambe v Sheffield Wednesday

Peterborough v Fleetwood

Plymouth v Oxford Utd

Shrewsbury v Exeter

Wycombe v Accrington

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

AFC Wimbledon v Northampton

Barrow v Doncaster

Crawley v Stockport Co

Grimsby v Gillingham

Harrogate Tn v Salford City

Hartlepool v Crewe

Mansfield v Carlisle

Rochdale v Leyton Orient

Stevenage v Newport Co

Swindon v Sutton Utd

Tranmere v Bradford

Walsall v Colchester

VANARAMA NATIONAL LGE: Altrincham v Scunthorpe

Barnet v Dorking W, Boreham W v Maidenhead

Chesterfield v Southend, Eastleigh v Yeovil, Halifax

v Gateshead, Maidstone v Wealdstone, Notts C v

Aldershot, Torquay v Solihull, Woking v Oldham

Wrexham v Dag & Redbridge, York v Bromley

CRICKET

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST DIVISION -

SECOND DAY OF FOUR (10.30am): Northamptonshire

v Surrey (Northampton), Warwickshire v Somerset

(Edgbaston), Yorkshire v Essex (Headingley)

SECOND DIVISION: Leicestershire v Durham (Grace

Road), Middlesex v Glamorgan (Lord's), Sussex v

Worcestershire (Hove), SECOND WOMEN'S T20

INTERNATIONAL: England v India (Derby, 6.00pm).

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP FINALS - GROUP STAGE (Bologna,

Glasgow, Hamburg, Valencia).

Sport on TV



Cycling: Tour of Slovakia

Eurosport 1, 4.30pm

Football: Sporting v Tottenham

BT Sport 4, 5pm

Cricket: England v India

BBC Two, 5.30pm

Football: Liverpool v Ajax

BT Sport 2, 7pm

Football: Preston v Burnley

Sky Sports Football, 7.30pm

Sam Cunningham

CHIEF FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT



Rashford revival should make Grealish worry for World Cup

A smile can often be seen on Marcus Rashford's face around Manchester United's Carrington training ground since Erik ten Hag took over as manager.

A player's fortunes can change drastically between one manager and the next and Ten Hag has spotted in Rashford a player he believes can lead Manchester United's front line. When links to the likes of Paris Saint-Germain surrounded the England forward in the summer, the Dutchman was quick to shut down talk of the player leaving.

In recent months, Ten Hag and his staff have worked Rashford hard in training, setting up specific, tailored sessions to improve aspects of the 24-year-old's game he hopes will transform him into a 20-goal-a-season striker. Three goals and two assists in United's opening six games and a deeper dig into his other numbers offer a glimmer of what could be ahead.

Rashford is already closing in on his shots, shots on target and chances created totals for last season and has been one of Ten Hag's most used players. It's quite the transformation for a player who scored five and set up two in the entirety of last season, under first Ole Gunnar Solskjær and then Ralf Rangnick in a dismally disappointing season for the club which saw him drop out of the England squad.

Gareth Southgate's final camp, beginning next week before the team flies to Qatar for the World Cup, is the last chance for the England manager to finesse his plans. It's becoming harder to justify leaving Rashford out of his squad.

In Qatar, Southgate's front three is more than likely to be Harry Kane between Raheem Sterling and Phil Foden – possibly Bukayo Saka, if a more defensive-minded approach is required for the opponents faced. But can Southgate honestly say that Jarrod Bowen or even Jack Grealish offer more potential than Rashford? Do they provide more around the squad off-the-pitch, an important facet for Southgate, or on it?

Bowen has no major tournament experience and has only one decent season for West Ham United in the Premier League to his name. Grealish may have won the title at Manchester City but he is seemingly on the



Marcus Rashford in training under the watchful eye of Erik ten Hag GETTY

periphery of Pep Guardiola's plans and it's hard to argue his £100m move has been a glowing success.

When England are trailing late in a game in Qatar, who offers more to change the course of events? Grealish, who has a tendency to slow down play? Bowen, who will be in entirely unfamiliar territory? Or Rashford, with his experience, rapid turn of pace and sharp finish?

Ten Hag has a clear track record of improving and developing players, young and older. Honing his recent signing Antony, the 22-year-old Brazilian, at Ajax, where he also reinvigorated Dusan Tadic when the forward's career appeared to be dwindling in the latter stages of his time at Southampton. If whatever Ten Hag is doing continues to work with Rashford he could be flying by the time the World Cup begins.

And let's not forget, the player delayed shoulder surgery last summer to make himself available for Southgate at the European Championship finals, when he could easily have seen that the stars were aligning against him and had the operation during a tournament in which he played little.

Sometimes, when it comes to the big decisions, that kind of loyalty deserves rewarding.

WHAT A MESS AT ETON

If you want to find yet another example of one rule for them, and another for us, look no further

than Eton College's decision to continue on with two matches arranged with Rossall School on Saturday, after the Football Association had called for all football to be suspended over the weekend out of respect for The Queen's death.

Whether you agreed with the decision or not – and I, as well as many across the country, thought it was a painfully out-of-touch decision – leagues up and down the country postponed fixtures, from the Premier League to grass roots. Fans reported turning up to park pitches with their children and finding goalposts chained together, to stop them being used.

Meanwhile, over at Eton, the private school that has produced 20 of the country's 56 prime ministers, it was decided that the same rules did not apply. And it was only discovered because their opponents happened to tweet about it, in posts that were swiftly deleted after the backlash.

"Two friendly football games were played with Rossall School on Saturday," Eton said in a statement. "A minute's silence was observed by players and spectators beforehand. These trial games formed part of the school's pre-season training programme and it was understood that they were not covered by the FA postponement as they were not FA fixtures."

That explains it then. How silly the rest of us are for believing that when the FA released a statement saying, "As a mark of respect, following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, English football has united to postpone all football fixtures between 9-11 September" it applied to everyone.



down the critics. Targett's biggest asset is his reliability and if Southgate is picking understudies who are playing well, the Toon full-back deserves consideration.

JAMES TARKOWSKI

England's passage to the Euro 2020 final came courtesy of a defence that ceded just one goal before the final and it's safe to say that Southgate will try to replicate that in Qatar. But his issue is that many of the bedrocks of that tournament have fallen steeply out of form.

If Maguire, John Stones, Shaw and others are struggling, there are other English centre-backs who are playing well. Lewis Dunk at Brighton has caught the eye while Newcastle's Dan Burn has been a rock. But James Tarkowski, playing alongside Connor Coady, has arguably been the best of the rest.

The Everton centre-back (below) already has two England caps to his name but his last was four years ago and he hasn't been considered by Southgate since being named on the standby list for the 2018 World Cup.

His renaissance at Goodison Park – where he moved in the summer as Everton looked for reliability and experience – should put him in contention. His performances for the Toffees have been in sharp contrast to the marked decline of Maguire, hewn with authority.

IVAN TONEY

Last year it was widely reported that Ivan Toney was considering pledging his

international future to Jamaica. By Thursday he might just be thankful that he didn't do anything hasty following his fine start to the new season with Brentford.

Toney has been portrayed as a traditional English number nine but those who watch him regularly insist he has the technique and mentality to prosper on a bigger stage. With five goals in six Premier League games, he couldn't have done much more to catch Southgate's eye.

As Thomas Frank rightly pointed out, his penalty technique is as good as any striker in Europe. Given that England might well confront their penalty shoot-out nemesis in Qatar, it's a useful option to have.

If he hadn't suffered a calf injury, Callum Wilson – a sharp starter for Newcastle – might well have assembling a more robust case for inclusion. Leeds' Joe Gelhardt's time will come too.

ANTHONY GORDON

Is it time to believe the hype? The raised eyebrows when Chelsea were considering a £60m bid for Gordon were probably justified given his body of work with Everton before the season started.

But he has shouldered the pressure for Frank Lampard's team and then some so far this term. He's added goals to his all-round play and is familiar with the England set-up as a regular in the under-21 squad.





PREMIER LEAGUE

Big games 'not playable' due to pressure on police force

Chelsea-Liverpool and United-Leeds off but most European matches to go ahead

By Sam Cunningham

CHIEF FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

The Premier League has been forced to postpone two high-profile fixtures this weekend due to the pressure on police forces preparing for the Queen's funeral on Monday.

The Football Association lifted its suspension of football yesterday after a weekend of postponements intended as a mark of respect with the nation in mourning.

It revealed last week that major matches were at risk of being called off this weekend due to a lack of police resources in what will likely be the largest operation in history.

Chelsea were due to host Liverpool in the late afternoon game on Sunday at Stamford Bridge but that will have to be rescheduled, as will the Manchester United-Leeds United game that was slated to be played at Old Trafford earlier that day. Both matches have been deemed unplayable on the day before the state funeral. Brighton's home match against Crystal Palace on Saturday has also been postponed.

Most European games were set to go ahead this week but Arsenal's match against PSV Eindhoven on Thursday night has been postponed due to policing issues.

The rejigged Premier League scheduling meant Brentford against Arsenal has been moved to midday on Sunday, to be shown on Sky Sports, while Everton v West Ham has been made the other televised Sky game that day, at 2.15pm.

Officials from the Premier League and at clubs worked extensively with police forces to determine how many of this weekend's matches could be played, mindful that the fixture list is already congested and complicated by a mid-season World Cup.

"Following extensive consultation with clubs, police, local safety advisory groups and other relevant authorities, there was no other option but to postpone the three fixtures," the Premier League said.

"The Premier League would like to thank the UK Football Policing Unit and other police forces across the country, as well as our

Postponed fixtures

Last night
Leeds v Nottingham Forest

Thursday
Arsenal v PSV Eindhoven

Saturday
Brighton v Crystal Palace

Sunday
Man United v Leeds
Chelsea v Liverpool

broadcast partners, for their support during this process, and will continue to liaise with them ahead of the weekend.

"For the matches being played during the period of national mourning, tributes will be paid to the Queen at Premier League stadiums."

Uefa did consider switching venues to host Arsenal's Europa League game in Eindhoven, while the option to play behind closed doors at the Emirates Stadium would still have required a level of policing.

While Chelsea's visit of Liverpool is off, their home Champions League match against RB Salzburg tomorrow will go ahead as planned, while the midweek EFL programme is unaffected.

In Scotland, Rangers' Champions League tie with Napoli has been put back a day to Wednesday, 14 September, due to "severe limitations on police resources and organisational issues".

However, professional domestic football in the country will resume this weekend. The Football Association of Wales said all its competitions can resume from today.

All EFL matches scheduled for today and tomorrow are set to go ahead, with clubs planning to pay tribute to the Queen.

"A minute's silence will be held before matches, with black armbands to be worn by participants, flags to be flown at half-mast and the national anthem to be played in stadiums," the EFL said.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A LIVERPOOL v AJAX

We had to clear air after Napoli horror show, insists Klopp

By Carl Markham

Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp admits there have been four or five days of "absolute truths" told to players in a series of clear-the-air meetings after last week's Champions League "horror show" against Napoli.

It was not just the 4-1 scoreline in their Group A opener but the manner of the defeat and the chaotic performance which prompted cause for concern among the coaching staff.

"I watched the game back plenty of times and it was a real horror show. It was the worst game we played since I was here," he said ahead of tonight's visit of Ajax. "Eight out of 11 were below their level and the three others were not on a top level, just a normal game."

"I have to do something, I can't sit there and wait for how we react. Is this the situation I wanted? No. But now you are in it you find it interesting and challenging."

"[We had a] general meeting, showing these situations and they are too obvious. It was not needed to say a lot about it but I did anyway. "Did I question the players?"

Generally, no. In this situation, yes. 'Why would you do that? Why would we do that?'

"When James Milner arrives too late in a challenge and we lose challenges where we would usually win them you know something is wrong."

"There are four or five days now of absolute truth. We didn't hide anything, we didn't hold back anything."

"We just said it how it is, but not to knock the players down or whatever, just to make sure where we are now is the starting point for us and we make sure we sort the problems together on the pitch."

"There was no pointing at each other, that was the good thing about the game pretty much."

Klopp (above) believes part of the problem in Naples may have been the players were trying to overcompensate for a disappointing start to the season.

"In this game it looked like everyone wanted to sort the problem but by themselves and that didn't give us the structure to work together," Klopp said.



Probable Anfield teams:
Liverpool (4-3-3) Alisson; Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Tsimikas; Elliott, Fabinho, Thiago, Salah, Nunez, Diaz.
Ajax (4-3-3) Pasveer; Rensch, Timber, Bassey, Blind; Berghuis, Alvarez, Taylor; Tadic, Kudus, Bergwijn.
Kick-off 8pm
Referee A Dias (Por).

Television BT Sport 2



Trent Alexander-Arnold has been well below his best for Liverpool this season PA

Liverpool look to cure defensive ills but it may prove a complicated case

Spluttering Red machine has a long list of symptoms, writes **Dan Austin**

Jürgen Klopp says he wants to right Liverpool's woeful form by focusing on building a new defensive platform, and has spent the extended break since the club's chastening defeat at Napoli last Wednesday working towards that goal.

The Reds were comprehensively beaten 4-1 in southern Italy, and were wretched in every area of the pitch. Klopp's men were three down at half-time, with the home side – who also missed a penalty – able to walk through the midfield

and backline seemingly at will. With three draws, two defeats and two wins from their opening seven fixtures in the Premier League and Champions League, Klopp discussed his use of the extra training time ahead of tonight's match at home to Ajax following the postponement of Saturday's fixture with Wolves.

For Klopp, who has won every top-tier trophy available since taking over at Anfield in 2015, the way to begin making progress is to improve their defending before anything else.



We all have to realise it all starts again with defending. If we do that we can get some kind of momentum

disinterested, while the latter has been error-prone and sloppy. What's more, with Ibrahima Konaté and Joël Matip injured, Joe Gomez has come in to play between the two, having barely featured in the past few years, with the result that all three players seem less sure of what is going on around them.

Something which has made both Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson less effective is the width of the forwards ahead of them – Mohamed Salah and Luis Diaz are closer to the byline far more often than previously under Klopp, meaning the attacking width and creativity the full-backs used to provide is far less common.

Liverpool are having to do more defending than usual in part because the full-backs are already deep, opponents are not being penned into their own half, and it is easier for teams to start breaks of their own.

Then there is the midfield. The central player, Fabinho, has looked an exhausted version of himself so far this season, unable to protect the defence to his usual high standard. Couple that with the fact that Liverpool's No 8s are playing higher up the pitch to fill the central areas vacated by Salah and Diaz, and it means there is little protection in front of the centre-halves and full-backs.

These appear to be the systemic issues. When the spate of injuries, tiredness and lack of rotation options available to Klopp are added to the mix, it becomes clearer why Liverpool are defending so badly and have fallen behind in five of their seven matches so far this season.

And it doesn't look like things are getting easier. The injury to Konaté, and a subsequent one to Robertson, has left the manager with only five fit first-team defenders.

The return of Thiago Alcantara, impressive in his cameo in Italy last Wednesday, could help to improve Liverpool's defending if he is able to give them more control of possession in midfield and reduce the onus on Fabinho when the opposition are breaking with the ball.

The reality is that, with so many players injured or fatigued, it is going to take time for Liverpool to find anything like the form they have shown throughout Klopp's reign.

That being said, the new defensive attitude Klopp is hoping to see will face its first challenge against Ajax at Anfield tonight.

For now, if they can find ways to make themselves more intense, aggressive and robust, then they can improve their defending and ease the pressure on themselves by not always conceding the first goal. That may not sound like much, but it would be a big first step.

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Liverpool have conceded first in five of their seven matches this season

"We had obvious football problems, and what led to these problems was a misjudgement of certain situations," he explained. "In this game it looked like everyone wanted to solve the problem by himself, and that never gave us the structure to work together. We have to make sure we solve the problems together on the pitch."

"We have to follow a common idea again. Everything teams do in football is based on really solid defending, that's how it all starts, that's what we had to work on and that's what we did. Now we have to build again in the training sessions. How you can get confidence in a football game? By winning challenges, that's it. We all have to realise it all starts again with defending. If we do that, we can get some kind of momentum; if we have momentum we can play good football."

So, what has been going wrong? For a start, guaranteed starters like Trent Alexander-Arnold and Virgil van Dijk are struggling. The former has looked lethargic and at times

GROUP D SPORTING v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



Harry Kane, Richarlison and Son Heung-min in training yesterday PA

Edwards can play for England, claims Dier

By George Sessions

Tottenham defender Eric Dier, who grew up in Portugal and played for Sporting before he joined Tottenham in 2014, said it was "very special" to be facing his former club in the Portuguese capital tonight.

The centre-back said via a translator: "It is very special to me to be back here. I spent a long time here in Sporting and it took some time to come back."

"I would rather play against another team in Portugal but we can't do anything about that and I am very happy to be here."

Dier's fine form under Antonio Conte has contributed towards talk he is due to be recalled by England boss Gareth Southgate for this month's games with Italy and Germany.

The 28-year-old has not represented his country in almost two years but shunned talk of getting back into the Three Lions set-up and instead backed ex-Spurs youngster Marcus Edwards to force his way into Southgate's plans if he continues his fine form at Sporting.

"I am happy with how the season has started. For me there is always space for improvement and I'm trying my best to keep doing that," Dier explained yesterday. "I'm not think-

ing about anything else other than the game tomorrow and trying to play well for Tottenham."

On Edwards, Dier added: "Well, it depends on him. He is a very talented player, he is very strong and, yes, it would be great if he could make it to the national team. If he keeps evolving like that, he could get to the national team."

Enfield-born Edwards left Tottenham in 2019 and, after a spell with Vitoria Guimaraes, was signed by Sporting in January. The former England Under-21 international has continued to impress in Lisbon.

Sporting boss Ruben Amorim said: "Marcus is a very talented player. He can get much better and get to the English national team. He is already becoming more consistent but he has to focus more on training and everything that is around it."

"Football is not just about the Sunday matches, it's everything in between but I trust him a lot. I know he can grow a lot and get to the national team."

Probable Estadio Jose Alvalade teams:
Sporting (3-4-3) Adan; Esgalo, Coates, Inacio; Porro, Ugarte, Morita, Santos; Trincao, Edwards, Pote
Tottenham Hotspur (3-4-2-1) Lloris; Romero, Dier, Lenglet, Royal, Hojbjerg, Bentancur, Perisic; Richarlison, Son; Kane
Kick-off 5.45pm
Referee S Jovanovic (Serb)
Television BT Sport 4

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Seagulls are never caged - Barber

By Nick Szczepanik

Brighton CEO Paul Barber has insisted that the Sussex club will not change its policy of allowing other clubs to speak to players and coaching staff – even though their stance has this year cost them the services of several key figures, including Graham Potter, the former head coach.

Potter last week succeeded Thomas Tuchel as Chelsea manager, taking four members of his backroom staff with him. Marc Cucurella, Albion's player of the season last term, had already left the Amex for Stamford Bridge, while midfielder Yves Bissouma moved to Tottenham Hotspur in summer and technical director Dan

Ashworth joined Newcastle United.

Barber, though, maintains that the Seagulls will not rethink their current approach. "Football clubs are not prisons," he said. "Where people have an outstanding opportunity and they feel that it's better for them, their careers, their families, then we've got an open mind."

Barber and Brighton owner Tony Bloom believe that the alternative is that "people go behind your back, they have secret meetings, it's more disruptive, it's potentially more damaging, it unsettles more staff."

"It's the price of success," he said. "It has been a very challenging few months because of the losses we have had."

Football in brief

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Karius joins the Magpie revolution



Newcastle have completed the signing of former Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius on a short-term contract.

Karius, who has agreed a deal until January, will provide cover for Nick Pope after his understudy Karl Darlow was sidelined with an ankle injury.

The Magpies' other keeper, Martin Dubravka, is unable to be recalled from his deadline-day loan to Manchester United due to the terms of his contract. Eddie Howe said: "We are pleased to add Loris. He is a very good goalkeeper."

Karius, best known for his poor display in the 2018 Champions League final against Real Madrid, left Liverpool in the summer after becoming a free agent.

CELTIC

Boyd: Postecoglou rumours expected



Tom Boyd has told Celtic supporters they will have to get used to speculation surrounding manager Ange Postecoglou.

The Hoops boss (*above*) has been linked with the Brighton vacancy after a hugely impressive 14 months in charge at Parkhead.

"We do not want any clubs coming in for Ange," former Celtic defender and current club ambassador Boyd said. "But we know it will happen, especially if the team continues playing the way it has been. But hopefully he's here for a few years yet and there can be a line of succession in place to develop things."

"We'll be delighted for every day he is here and hopefully we can see that for a few years yet."

WALES

Page signs new four-year deal



Robert Page has signed a new four-year contract as Wales manager.

Page (*left*) has agreed the deal two months before the World Cup in Qatar, when Wales will make just their second appearance at the finals.

The new contract means Page will be in charge for Wales's 2024 European Championship and 2026 World Cup qualifying campaigns.

Page said: "There is no bigger honour than coaching your national team and I can't wait for the challenge the next four years will bring, starting with our first World Cup in 64 years."

"This is an exciting time for Welsh football and I hope we can make the country proud."



FOOTBALL
Klopp works to cure defensive ills with Ajax up next for Reds



TENNIS
US Open triumph for Alcaraz can herald new era in men's game

CRICKET

England look fully formed after rebirth this summer

SOUTH AFRICA **118 & 169**

ENGLAND **158 & 130-1**
Crawley 69no

England win by 9 wickets

Chris Stocks



AT THE OVAL

With 10 wickets in hand and just 33 runs needed at the start of the final day of this deciding Test against South Africa, England's victory was always inevitable.

Yet the success they've had this summer was anything but when Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes took over as coach and captain back in May.

England were on the worst run in their history, winning just one Test in 17, had seen their captain of five years, Joe Root, quit and had also risked alienating their two all-time leading wicket-takers after the decision to drop James Anderson and Stuart Broad for the tour of the West Indies in March.

For too long, England had been reactive in their selection, picking the team they should have picked for their last Test in the next, or resting and rotating players with their eyes on future series rather than the one right in front of them.

Much of this was down to Covid and the bio-secure bubbles England had been forced to endure for the best part of two years. Much, though, was down to mismanagement.

The call to make Stokes captain from new director of cricket Rob Key was not straightforward, with the star all-rounder's workload and well-documented struggles with mental health making the decision to hand him the biggest job in English cricket loaded with risk. Yet it has proved inspired, as was the decision to team him with a man in McCullum who had not coached a single red-ball match before this summer.

McCullum and Stokes (above) took England back to basics, selecting the best team for every single match, brought Anderson and Broad back into the fold and asked the team to embrace a new, attacking style that had no guarantee of success.

As it is, they walked away from The Oval yesterday triumphant, with Zak Crawley, who has been under fire all summer, hitting the winning runs and finishing unbeaten on 69 as England finished the job in just 33 balls of the fifth day to win the series 2-1. Alex

Lees was the only wicket to fall, lbw to Kagiso Rabada on review, making him now the opener people will debate ahead of the winter.

The 25 minutes of action needed set the seal on a sixth Test win of the summer for England, something they last achieved under the captaincy of Michael Vaughan in 2004. Twelve months later they memorably won the Ashes for the first time in 18 years. The only defeat, by an innings against South Africa at Lord's last month, has been followed by two emphatic wins. The Proteas may have one of the shakiest batting line-ups seen on these shores in recent years, but their bowling attack is one of the best in the world, so this series win should not be diminished.

With the Australians coming to these shores in nine months, the timing of England's renaissance couldn't be better.

The Ashes, of course, was why there was such upheaval at the start of the year, the 4-0 defeat in Australia signalling the predictable bout of soul-searching that is likely to bring a radical restructuring of the domestic game come the 2024 summer.

Maybe all England needed was inspirational leadership?

It's certainly done the trick this summer.

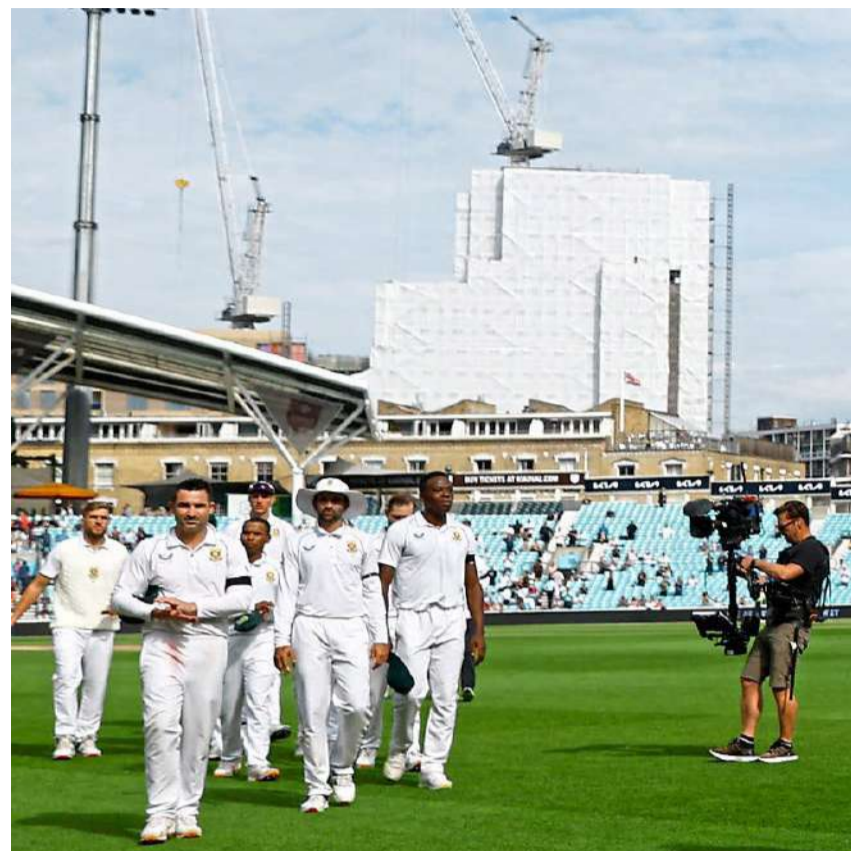
The key component of their success, including a 3-0 whitewash of world champions New Zealand, a record run chase of 378 against India at Edgbaston and now this series win against the team sitting top of the World Test Championship table, has been belief.

It's the one commodity they lacked coming into the summer, and despite the imperfections that still pervade this team, they now believe they can win from any situation.

This summer has also been a personal triumph for Stokes, with his inspirational interventions with bat and ball – the century that helped England win the second Test against South Africa at Old Trafford for example and the countless times he has conjured up wickets with his bowling to help his team push on, including on day four of this match.

It should be no surprise Stokes is averaging 40.88 with the bat this summer and 25.66 with the ball. But his influence goes way beyond statistics. Anderson and Broad have also shone, taking 56 wickets between them to enjoy their best summer since 2018.

A series in Pakistan in December will be the next big test for McCullum and Stokes. It will not be easy, but after a summer such as this, anything must now seem possible.



Scoreboard

THIRD TEST MATCH

ENGLAND V SOUTH AFRICA

THE KIA OVAL (Day 5 of 5): England beat South Africa by 9 wickets

England won toss

SOUTH AFRICA – First Innings 118 (Robinson 5-49, Broad 4-41)

ENGLAND – First Innings 158 (Pope 67, Jansen 5-35, Rabada 4-81)

SOUTH AFRICA – Second Innings 169

ENGLAND – Second Innings 97-0

Second Innings Contd

	Runs	Gs	4s	6s	Min
A Z Lees lbw b Rabada	39	0	4	73	87
Z Crawley not out	69	0	12	57	102
O J D Pope not out	11	0	1	10	14
Extras (lb6 nb5)	11				
Total (for 1, 22.3 overs)	130				

Fall: 1-108

Did Not Bat: J E Root, H C Brook, *B A Stokes, †B T Foakes, S C J Broad, O E Robinson, M J Leach, J M Anderson

Bowling: K Rabada 11-1-57-1, M Jansen 7-3-0-40-0, A Nortje 4-0-27-0

Umpires: N N Menon and R A Kettleborough

'Add Jofra and Woody into mix, and it's scary to think where we could go'

By Chris Stocks

Ben Stokes believes England will present a "scary" proposition for Australia in next year's Ashes after they wrapped up a sixth Test win out of seven this summer with a dominant nine-wicket victory against South Africa at The Oval.

Stokes's men have embraced a new attacking style under his captaincy and the leadership of coach Brendon McCullum, with the 2-1 series win against the Proteas following four victories from four against New Zealand and India at the start of the summer.

Despite winter Test tours of Pakistan and New Zealand to

come, there are just nine months before the start of the next home Ashes series for England, with Stokes already excited about the prospect of unleashing Bazball on the Australians and eyeing revenge for last winter's 4-0 humiliation Down Under.

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"When you know you have an Ashes coming up very soon, it's hard not to look at it, especially with how the last Ashes trip went," he said. "I am excited by the Ashes next summer, especially with the way we are playing."

"A lot is getting spoken about how we are playing Test cricket. I am looking forward to the challenge. We know how good Australia are."

"I am looking at it, but not quite



Batters Zak Crawley and Ollie Pope polished off South Africa yesterday REUTERS

yet because we have a bit more to do before that.”

Asked how far England, who came into the summer with just one win in 17, could improve before the Ashes starts in June, when Jofra Archer and Mark Wood will both hopefully be back, Stokes said: “Who knows? It’s a great thing to think about – who knows how far we can take this side over the next couple of years, because we’ve got two of our premium fast bowlers who have had big injuries this summer and have missed a lot of cricket.

“So you add Jofra and Woody into the mix being fully fit – it’s scary to think where things could go, especially with the ball. It’s a very high ceiling.”

Stokes also believes both James Anderson and Stuart Broad, aged 40 and 36 respectively, will still be around next summer.

“You keep picking people if they keep performing,” he said. “Stuart Broad and James Anderson have done that for

however long now. Those guys stand up in the big moments and if Broady wasn’t to be playing, [Australia batter] Davey Warner might sleep a little bit easier if he knew that, so we’ve got to take that into consideration!”.

Stokes admitted the atmosphere on the first morning of this deciding Test on Saturday was “incredible”. The Oval greeted both teams onto the field with reverential silence after the match got the go-ahead following The Queen’s death.

“I’ll never forget walking down the steps out of the changing rooms there to complete silence in the ground,” he added. “The silence was deafening. I said before we started we take a huge amount of inspiration from what she did in her reign to commit her life to this country. We obviously do it nowhere near to the extent that she did for the 70 years but we walk out there and we represent this country and we do it with a lot of pride and honour as well.”

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England Test wins out of seven matches after winning just one in previous 17

England player ratings

By Chris Stocks



Zak Crawley
134 runs @33.50
Saved best for last as he finished with a first half-century of summer in final innings. No other score higher than 38.



Alex Lees
96 runs @19.20
Lucky the scrutiny has mainly been on Crawley these past few months. Averaging 23.84 after 10 Tests. Place in question.



Ollie Pope
179 runs @44.75
Fine first summer at No 3 and has shown signs of progress, even if he failed to convert two half-centuries in this series.



Joe Root
46 runs @11.50
England’s best batter had such a poor series but purple patch had to end sometime.



Jonny Bairstow
67 runs @22.33
Only three innings, two failures at Lord’s and 49 in second Test after four centuries earlier in the summer.



Harry Brook
12 runs @12
Tough to judge debutant on one, albeit disappointing, innings. Shame he didn’t get a chance earlier.



Ben Stokes (capt)
149 runs @37.25, 10 wickets @15.70
Led from the front with the bat, including brilliant century at Old Trafford, and especially the ball. Inspirational captaincy.



Ben Foakes
133 runs @44.33
Only one innings of substance – his unbeaten 113 at Old Trafford that was crucial to England’s win.



Ollie Robinson
12 wickets @15
Back-to-back total five-wicket hauls in the two matches he played underlined what an impressive comeback this was.



Matt Potts
2 wickets @39.50
Only played first Test at Lord’s, where he dipped below the level he produced earlier in the summer. He will be back.



Stuart Broad
14 wickets @15.57
Many were tempted to write him off after the first Test at Lord’s. How wrong we all were.



Jack Leach
2 wickets @44.50
Only bowled 45.2 overs in a series dominated by seamers. But he was still England’s most economical bowler.



James Anderson
10 wickets @16.60
Now 40 but his powers show no signs of diminishing. Still England’s go-to man with the new ball.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Gay century strikes a blow to Surrey hopes

Emilio Gay celebrated a deluxe century, his first at Wantage Road, as Northamptonshire dominated County Championship title-chasing Surrey on day one.

Opening batter Gay was fantastic in his 145, his third first-class century and second of the season, as he helped his side seamlessly score 249 for 4 having been stuck into bat.

He was joined in a 77-run opening partnership by Will Young and a 155-run fourth-wicket stand by

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST DIVISION

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE V SURREY

NORTHAMPTON (Day 1 of 4): Northamptonshire have scored 249 for 4 wickets against Surrey
Surrey elected to bowl
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
E N Gay c Curran b Atkinson	145	0	17	189	281
*W A Young c Patel b Roach	20	0	1	74	101
L Procter c Steel b Roach	2	0	0	13	16
J J Cobb c Smith b Worrall	1	0	0	7	6
R I Keogh not out	75	0	11	122	158
†R Vasconcelos not out	0	0	0	0	2
Extras (lb4 nb2)	6				
Total (for 4, 67.2 overs)	249				
Fall: 1-77, 2-91, 3-94, 4-249.					
To Bat: Saif Zaib, J J G Sales, B W Sanderson, C J White, L B Williams.					

Bowling: K A J Roach 15-1-70-2, D J Worrall 16-4-53-1, J Clark 15-2-42-0, T K Curran 11-2-39-0, G A P Atkinson 6-2-0-22-1, C T Steel 4-1-19-0.
Surrey: *R J Burns, H M Amla, B B A Geddes, †J L Smith, C T Steel, R Patel, J Clark, T K Curran, G A P Atkinson, K A J Roach, D J Worrall.
Umpires: G D Lloyd and P J Hartley.

WARWICKSHIRE V SOMERSET

EDGBASTON: Somerset have scored 182 for 8 wickets against Warwickshire
Somerset won toss
SOMERSET – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
T A Lammonby st Burgess b Yadav	24	0	3	68	88
Imam ul Haq c Burgess b Siraj	5	0	0	20	39
*T B Abell b Hannon-Dalby	1	0	0	9	16
G A Bartlett c Burgess b Siraj	12	0	2	27	39
L P Goldsworthy lbw b Brookes	9	0	1	27	38
†J E K Rew lbw b Siraj	0	0	0	1	2
L Gregory not out	60	4	4	93	135
K L Aldridge lbw b Brookes	6	0	1	17	16
J H Davey lbw b Siraj	21	0	3	43	48
Sajid Khan not out	31	0	6	33	40
Extras (b8 w1 nb4)	13				
Total (for 8, 56 overs)	182				
Fall: 1-12, 2-17, 3-46, 4-46, 5-46, 6-66, 7-82, 8-140.					
To Bat: J A Brooks.					

Bowling: O J Hannon-Dalby 14-5-43-1, Mohammed Siraj 19-5-54-4, J Yadav 14-2-42-1, H J H Brookes 8-0-17-2, D R Briggs 1-0-18-0.
Warwickshire: A L Davies, D P Sibley, R M Yates, S R Hain, *W M H Rhodes, J Yadav, †M G K Burgess, D R Briggs, H J H Brookes, Mohammed Siraj, O J Hannon-Dalby.
Umpires: N A Mallender and J D Middlebrook.

YORKSHIRE V ESSEX

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire have scored 134 for all wickets against Essex
Essex elected to bowl
YORKSHIRE – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
A Lyth c Rossington b Porter	13	0	2	25	37
F J Bean c Rossington b S J Cook	0	0	0	11	17
G C H Hill c Rossington b S J Cook	36	0	5	76	113
T Kohler-Cadmore c Lawrence b S J Cook	5	0	1	44	64
W A R Fraine b Snater	0	0	0	8	6
*T A Tattersall b Snater	32	0	7	49	66
M L Revis c Rossington b Snater	2	0	0	31	37
J A Thompson c A N Cook b Allison	5	0	1	4	14
B O Coad b Allison	17	1	2	12	24
S A Patterson not out	10	0	1	27	48
J W Shutt lbw b Porter	4	0	1	29	30
Extras (lb6 nb4)	10				
Total (52.2 overs)	134				
Fall: 1-4, 2-22, 3-55, 4-56, 5-64, 6-87, 7-100, 8-100, 9-123.					
Bowling: J A Porter 13-2-3-42-2, S J Cook 15-7-31-3, B M J Allison 11-5-15-2, S Snater 12-6-39-3, M J J Critchley 1-0-1-0.					
Essex: N L J Browne, A N Cook, *T Westley, D W Lawrence, M J J Critchley, F I N Khushi, †A M Rossington, S Snater, S J Cook, J A Porter, B M J Allison. Umpires: R J Bailey and R A White.					

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND DIVISION

LEICESTERSHIRE V DURHAM

GRACE ROAD (Day 1 of 4): Leicestershire have scored 97 for 2 wickets against Durham
Durham elected to bowl
LEICESTERSHIRE – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
Mohammed Azad lbw b Coughling	0	1	45	72	
S Budinger not out	63	1	10	66	99

Rob Keogh, with a Kemar Roach and Dan Worrall-induced wobble in between.

Keogh ended the day on an effort-less 75 not out but was outshone by Gay’s personal best. The left-hander passed 50 for the sixth time this season in 69 balls. The 22-year-old stayed in one easy-going gear through the day and reached three figures in 118 balls, before passing his previous red-ball high of 112.

His standing ovation, having fallen into a short-ball trap to hook to deep square leg in drizzle, was well deserved for his high-quality innings, although it turned to frustration as his wicket saw the end of the day’s play.

R K Patel c Borthwick b Potts 5 0 1 18 22
L Kimber not out 0 0 0 3 4
Extras (b17 lb3) 20
Total (for 2, 22 overs) 97
Fall: 1-74, 2-97.
To Bat: C N Ackermann, T A R Scriven, †H Swindells, E Barnes, *C F Parkinson, C J C Wright, M Finan.
Bowling: B A Raine 6-1-14-0, M J Potts 7-1-22-1, O J Gibson 4-0-18-0, P Coughlin 5-2-23-1.
Durham: M A Jones, S R Dickson, D G Bedingham, *S G Borthwick, N J Maddinson, G S Drissell, P Coughlin, B A Raine, †T S S Mackintosh, O J Gibson, M J Potts.
Umpires: T Lungley and C M Watts.

MIDDLESEX V GLAMORGAN

LORD’S: Middlesex are trailing Glamorgan by 88 runs with 6 first-innings wickets in hand
Middlesex won toss
GLAMORGAN – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
*D L Lloyd b Roland-Jones	5	0	1	7	9
E J Byrom c Simpson b Murtagh	4	0	1	4	4
S Gill b Roland-Jones	22	0	3	23	40
S A Northeast c Simpson b Murtagh	17	0	3	27	38
K S Carlson c Simpson b Murtagh	36	0	7	65	97
W T Root c Simpson b Higgins	11	0	1	27	34
†C B Cooke b Bamber	52	0	6	83	115
J A R Harris lbw b Higgins	13	0	2	38	52
T van der Gugten not out	9	0	2	18	45
A Y Patel c Simpson b Higgins	36	0	7	27	31
M G Hogan c Roland-Jones b Higgins	2	0	0	8	9
Extras (lb3 nb4)	7				
Total (54.1 overs)	214				
Fall: 1-5, 2-9, 3-48, 4-48, 5-70, 6-129, 7-165, 8-165, 9-208.					
Bowling: T J Murtagh 12-1-58-3, T S Roland-Jones 16-1-50-2, R F Higgins 15-1-2-59-4, E Bamber 11-1-44-1.					

MIDDLESEX – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
S D Robson c Gill b Hogan	10	0	1	17	36
M D Stoneman not out	72	1	8	110	147
*S S Eskinazi c Cooke b Harris	31	0	5	49	57
P J Malan b Harris	0	0	0	10	10
M D E Holden c Northeast b Harris	0	0	0	0	1
†J A Simpson not out	8	0	1	29	44
Extras (lb5)	5				
Total (for 4, 36 overs)	126				
Fall: 1-36, 2-90, 3-92, 4-92.					
To Bat: R F Higgins, L B K Hollman, T S Roland-Jones, E Bamber, T J Murtagh. Bowling: M G Hogan 10-2-40-1, J A R Harris 11-1-47-3, T van der Gugten 9-3-22-0, A Y Patel 6-2-12-0. Umpires: D J Mills and M Newell.					

SUSSEX V WORCESTERSHIRE

HOVE (Day 1 of 4): Worcestershire are trailing Sussex by 133 runs with all first-innings wickets in hand
Sussex won toss
SUSSEX – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
A G H Orr b Leach	1	0	0	3	5
*T J Haines b Gibbon	2	0	0	36	65
T P Alsop lbw b Leach	0	0	0	3	8
T G R Clark lbw b Leach	8	0	1	20	19
†O J Carter c Roderick b Pennington	1	0	0	8	14
F J Hudson-Prentice c Roderick b Pennington	51	0	7	64	94
J M Coles c Ali b Gibbon	54	0	9	132	171
Faheem Ashraf c Haynes b Leach	2	0	0	6	13
J J Carson run out	58	0	9	74	113
H T Crocombe c Pennington b Gibbon	16	0	3	10	11
B J Currie not out	4	0	1	7	16
Extras (b4 lb5 nb14)	23				
Total (59.2 overs)	220				
Fall: 1-4, 2-4, 3-14, 4-15, 5-23, 6-99, 7-106, 8-193, 9-213.					
Bowling: J Leach 13-3-37-4, B J Gibbon 13-3-52-3, D Pennington 14-2-6-45-2, J C Tongue 8-2-21-0, E Barnard 10-1-51-0, B L D’Oliveira 1-0-5-0.					
WORCESTERSHIRE – First Innings					
E J Pollock not out	36	0	5	90	121
J D Libby not out	42	0	3	92	121
Extras (lb5 nb4)	9				
Total (for 0, 30 overs)	87				
To Bat: Azhar Ali, *B L D’Oliveira, J A Haynes, E Barnard, †G H Roderick, J Leach, J C Tongue, D Pennington, B J Gibbon. Bowling: Faheem Ashraf 6-0-22-0, F J Hudson-Prentice 9-2-24-0, B J Currie 5-1-8-0, H T Crocombe 3-0-14-0, J J Carson 5-0-13-0, T J Haines 2-1-1-0. Umpires: N J Llong and M H A Syed.					

